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LI CHAI-SUM.

PASSES THROUGH THIS MORNING.

OFF TO SHANGHAI.

Seven Rooms Booked On P. & O. s.s. "Mantua."

GENERAL CHEN MING-CHU GOES WITH HIM.

To the disappointment of a large number in both Hong Kong and Canton, Marshal Li Chai-sum, chairman of the Provincial Government of Kwangtung, sailed for Shanghai early this morning to go to Nanking, the central seat of government of the Chinese Nationalist Party.

Seven rooms on board the P. & O. s.s. "Mantua" were booked to accommodate Marshal Li and his staff. General Chen Ming-chu, commander of the 11th Nationalist Army and hitherto director of operations in the east of Kwangtung, accompanied Marshal Li.

Overnight cables refer to the possibility of peace between the Nationalist federation and the Northern Government in Peking. Marshal Li's visit to Nanking may have considerable effect on the situation in the whole of China. Later wireless messages refer to military activity in Nanking, pointing to preparation for renewal of the war in the North.

NANKING ACTIVE.

Inquiries were made by the "China Mail" yesterday, drawing forth an emphatic reply from a very reliable semi-official source that "Marshal Li Chai-sum will not go to Nanking if he can possibly avoid doing so."

Later in the day, it was learned that passages booked on the "Mantua" might be cancelled. However, other circumstances have prevailed, rendering Marshal Li's visit necessary.

Canton Reticence. Official circles in Canton are exceedingly reticent on the matter. The most that has been said is that Marshal Li is going in the interests of the whole Nationalist Government. A conference with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek will follow as a matter of course.

It is interesting to note that General Chen Ming-chu has accompanied Marshal Li. When Chiang Kai-shek set out on the conquest of the North in the summer of 1926, General Chen commanded of the two divisions drafted from Marshal Li's army (the 4th Nationalist army corps). General Chang Fah-kuei led the other. Both these divisions won fame all the way up to the final assault on Wuchang and Hankow.

March Back to Canton. Then came a split. General Chen received higher promotion from Chiang Kai-shek and General Chang Fah-kuei (whose men became known as the Ironsides) sided with the Leftists. After being out of office for a time, General Chen landed in Fukien, sponsored by Chiang Kai-shek and fought his way back to Canton.

In the course of his march, he lost substantial parts of his best units in a campaign against his old colleagues, the Ironsides.

Chen Ming-chu's Influence. It is only natural that General Chen should be partial to Chiang

offered him the post of chairman of the Canton Government, intending to confine his own attention to the post of Commander-in-chief of the troops.

What Occurred Before. Uneasiness has been caused by the fear of an untoward incident during Marshal Li's absence. It will be recalled that the day after



Marshal Li Chai-sum.

he sailed from Hong Kong a few months ago, his administration was overthrown, temporarily, by the Ironsides.

Now that cordiality has been established between Hong Kong and Canton, it is felt that Marshal Li will best serve the Chinese by remaining in the south.

Chagrined was indicated in the gruff replies given to "China Mail" representatives this morning by the best-informed men.

SPECIAL TRAIN.

100 Bodyguards in Chinese Territory.

Accompanying Marshal Li were Mr. Chu Ka-wa, vice-president of Chung-shan University, Canton, and a member of the Canton branch of the Political Council (the highest civil authority in the province), and Mr. Lai Man-yum (private secretary to Marshal Li), who took part in the official visit to Hong Kong two weeks ago.

Not till 9.30 last night did the special train leave Tai-sha-tau, Canton.

Other Officials.

A hundred picked troops were on the train as bodyguards. General Chui King-tong (4th Army), General Tang Shih-chang (City Defence Commissioner) and Mr. Fan Ki-mo (ex-Mayor of Swatow) accompanied Marshal Li to bid him bon voyage. Mr. Wong Keung (base commandant) and Mr. Fung Chuk-tiffs.

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NAVY SENSATION.

Captain Refuses To Sail?

H.M.S. "ROYAL OAK."

Gunboat Commander Appointed To Battle Ship.

London, To-day. Interest was excited at the conclusion of the debate on the Navy estimates last night.

Comdr. Bellairs invited an official statement regarding a telegram which he believed would be published in to-day's newspapers to the effect that the captain and some officers of the battleship "Royal Oak" had refused to sail under an Admiral and had been court-martialled and carried as passengers to Gibraltar.

Comdr. Bellairs requested the Government to state the actual facts at the earliest opportunity.

Sir C. Headlam replied that he had not sufficient information to answer or make a statement at present.

The morning newspapers print an unofficial telegram from Malta stating that the first Battle Squadron of the Mediterranean Fleet due to sail to Gibraltar on March 11 was delayed until March 12 when the "Royal Oak's" flag was seen to be hoisted down, which ceremony is performed when a captain relinquishes command.

The Battle Squadron duly sailed with Captain Osborne, of the gunboat "Edgmont" commanding the "Royal Oak."—Reuter.

HAYNES ABSENT.

PLAINTIFF IN SUMMARY COURT.

MR. N. I. BREWER SUED.

Mr. L. E. Haynes was plaintiff in two cases which were "called" at the Summary Court weekly case-fixing session this morning but he did not appear and Mr. Justice Wood, arising out of a case in which Mr. Haynes sued Mr. N. I. Brewer for £1,000, showed Mr. Brewer a letter he had received from Mr. Haynes and said that, in Mr. Haynes' absence, he would adjourn the case.

The amount claimed is made up of work alleged to have been done and materials supplied, plus damages.

When the case was first called Mr. Brewer answered and, in reply to His Honour, said he was appearing as an individual and not otherwise.

His Honour commented that Mr. Brewer had no right otherwise. Mr. Brewer applied for pleadings but His Honour said he would not make an order in the absence of plaintiff. The application might be opposed.

Mr. Brewer commented that it meant his making another appearance. He was not appearing of his own wish and such appearance necessitated loss of time.

His Honour remarked that there was an alternative of being represented legally and said that he could not hear Mr. Brewer ex parte. He would adjourn the case two weeks.

Case Struck Out.

Mr. Haynes was plaintiff in another action in which he claimed \$500 from Arculli Brothers.

Mr. A. el Arculli appeared for defendants and asked for the case to be struck out.

His Honour complied with Mr. Arculli's request. Another case in which it was stated that the plaintiff was a client of the South China Trade Protection Association was "called" and the plaintiff appeared in person.

Mr. A. el Arculli represented defendant. The claim was by Chung Kin against Pang Chau for \$748.63.

The hearing was fixed for March 26.

Witness In Canton.

H. Ruttenjee and Co. were plaintiffs in an action against Mr. D. M. Browling for \$180.82.

Mr. Andrews appeared for defendant and said that defendant's only witness had gone to Canton and the claim hardly warranted his special appearance.

On defendant's solicitor giving an undertaking that the amount would be paid into Court, the case was adjourned for a month, it being stated that the witness would have returned by then.

DOMINION RIGHT.

No Neutrality For South Africa.

MENACE TO SECURITY.

"Dominions Would Do What They Did In 1914."

Capetown, Yesterday. The Assembly resumed the debate on the motion to ratify the report of the Imperial Conference.

General Smuts developed his views opposing General Hertzog's opinion on the Dominions' right to neutrality. He intimated that the opposition would vote in favour of the report.



Gen. Hertzog, leader of the South African Nationalists, who initiated the Dominion Neutrality movement.

He said the Empire meant security for all members, but if all asserted their right to neutrality, what would remain of security?

They would all have to build armies and navies for future troubles.

"We are not free individual states but free members of an associated Empire," he said, and if it was a matter of major concern for the Empire, he anticipated the Dominions would always do as they did in 1914. It would be practically impossible for any Dominion to declare neutrality in a war in which Britain was involved and vice versa.

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Gen. Smuts, who opposes the idea.

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SINGAPORE BASE.

MR. KENWORTHY'S THREE OBJECTIONS.

MOTION DEFEATED.

London, Yesterday. The House of Commons rejected a Labour motion for the reduction of the vote on the Singapore base.

PRIEST ESCAPES.

Catholic Father In The Hands Of Brigands.

ARRIVES AT KIUKIANG.

Kiukiang, Yesterday. Father Hauhem, the Catholic priest who was captured by brigands on March 13 in the vicinity of Hukow, has now escaped and has arrived at Kiukiang.—British Wireless Service.

(Note: Kiukiang is the port of Kiangsi province, which is under General Chu Pei-ich of the Nationalist Army. It is on the Yangtze 252 miles above Nanking and 142 miles below Hankow.) Wireless despatches from Nanking and Wuhu (which is 55 miles above Nanking) indicate that there is no anti-foreign feeling at either of these Yangtze Treaty ports.

moved by Lt. Comdr. Kenworthy, who said he desired to slow down expenditure on the Singapore scheme firstly pending the outcome of the American proposals for a five-Power treaty outlawing war, secondly because sufficient accommodation would be available at Singapore, Hong Kong and Sydney, and finally because the site at Singapore was unhealthy and exposed to land attack.—Reuter.

ELECTRIC CO.

Annual Meeting Held To-day.

BONUS SHARE ISSUE.

Mr. G. C. Moxon's Emphatic Tribute.

Mr. G. C. Moxon, a resident of many years, standing, who has retired and gone home but has come back on a visit to the Colony, paid a glowing and emphatic tribute to the Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., at the 39th annual meeting of shareholders held to-day in the company's office.

Mr. C. G. S. Mackie (chairman) presided and was supported by the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. T. G. Weall, Mr. T. E. Pearce (directors), and Mr. F. R. Marsh, M.I.E.E. (Manager). Shareholders were Messrs. G. C. Moxon, C. G. Alabaster, K.C., O.B.E., O.F., M.C., V. Sorby, Ip Fook, To Tso-hing, H. Ruttenjee, L. C. F. Bellamy, Dr. C. M. Heanley, F. L. Brown, Chua Seng-choo, J. T. Bagram, E. M. Raymond, Chan Pak-yick, Leung Yan-po, L. J. Davies, D. J. Lewis, W. N. H. Murdoch, J. H. Taggart, E. Ezra, R. Pestonji, G. H. Potts, L. E. Ozorio, G. Baptista, Wong Hing-kwong, W. J. Stokes, A. Kitchell, B. L. Seton-Winton (attorney for A. David and A. J. David) and Lo Kin-fai.

Chairman's Speech. The manager having read the notice convening the meeting, the chairman said:—

Gentlemen,—With your permission we will take the report and statement of accounts as read. The net profit for 1927 after deducting \$464,200 for depreciation is \$1,474,221.29 and with the sum of \$33,204.57 brought forward from last account we have \$1,507,425.86 for appropriation.

With this we propose:—
To pay a dividend of \$2.50 per share absorbing \$750,000.00
To place to reserve 700,000.00
To carry forward to next account 57,425.86
The dividend is the same as for the three preceding years. The amount placed to reserve is \$200,000 more than in 1926.

Capitalising Reserve. For many years it has been the policy of the company to set aside annually to reserve amounts which have been expended in extensions of the plant to meet the increasing demand for electricity.

Some return is obviously due to shareholders in respect of such reserves and your directors now think that in order to give effect to this we should capitalise \$1,500,000 of the fund and declare a bonus equal to this amount to be satisfied by the issue of 150,000 new shares in the proportion of one for every two in the company. These shares to be issued on July 1, 1928, and to bear interest from that date and in all other respects to rank with the existing shares.

Such a scheme requires your authority to make the necessary increase in the capital and at a meeting to follow this we shall ask permission to increase the subscribed capital of \$8,000,000 which will allow us to make the proposed issue of bonus shares and leave a balance of 150,000 shares unissued. We have thought it advisable to make this provision for a further issue at some future date.

Increased Sales. The sales of current in 1927 amounted to just over 27½ million units, an increase of 11 per cent. on 1926, and the number of consumers has increased by 1,905 to a total of 28,420.

No change has been made in our charging rates, during the year and the average price obtained has consequently been practically the same as in 1926.

Our rate for lighting is now 40 per cent. below that of 1914, and from recent inquiries in England and America we believe that our charging rates compare favourably with those in other places and that our constituents have reason to be satisfied in this respect.

Bad Debts and Deposits. Bad debts you will notice stand at \$11,959.53 as compared with \$38,705.32 in 1926 and \$31,159.48 in 1925. This reduction is due to the fact that since 1925 we have asked nearly all consumers for cash deposits to cover their liability to the company.—This has (Continued on Page 7.)

BRITAIN'S PART.

Our Share Done In Disarmament.

NAVAL POLICY.

Interesting Facts Disclosed By First Lord.

London, Yesterday. The Rt. Hon. W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, introduced in the House of Commons the navy estimates for the coming financial year amounting to £57,300,000. He emphasised that this sum showed a reduction of £1,150,000 on what was spent last year. There was in addition £1,280,000 less in appropriations. Therefore it had been necessary to economise to some thing like £2,999,000. He called attention to the additional expenditure of £198,000 on the fleet air arm and said that so far from starving the air side the Admiralty were making extra provision, although they were cutting down in other directions.

Effective Services.

There was a vote of £48,000,000 for effective services. This corresponded almost exactly with the sum for effective services in the year 1914, but when they came to calculate what they would have had to pay if pre-war prices prevailed they had reduction of £18,000,000. Therefore, on that calculation, there was a saving on effective services of 37.35 per cent. compared with the pre-war year.

Mr. Bridgeman described as an event of great value and interest the most generous contribution by New Zealand of £1,000,000 towards making a dock at Singapore. New Zealand had also offered to maintain another cruiser more than before. He referred with satisfaction to the fine



The Rt. Hon. W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, who introduced the Naval Estimates in the House of Commons.

work achieved by the navy in China during the very disturbed times through which that country had been passing.

Replacement Policy.

Dealing with the question of general naval policy Mr. Bridgeman said it was one of replacement. This year the Government were dropping one cruiser out of three and were inserting a further four sloops. In the two years 1927 and 1928, instead of having six cruisers, they would only lay down three. So far they had no idea of altering the next year's programme. That would come up for consideration by the minister who then presented the estimates. It would be a very risky thing to go further than the Government had done in postponing replacement because in a few years we should have a more rapid obsolescence in cruisers and there would be more necessity for spending money on replacements. These replacements would be necessary, moreover, at the same time as the possibility of replacing battleships.

The Government's reason for dropping three cruisers was not that they were not satisfied that this country had done its full share in disarmament. America had made a very generous contribution in the limitation of armaments and had scrapped some thing like half a million tons of ships built or building. Before the Washington Conference was held, however, Great Britain had

TRAFFIC IN WOMEN.

Discussion At Geneva.

BRITISH RESOLUTION.

Public Opinion To Support Campaigns.

Geneva, Yesterday. The League committee on traffic in women and children has adopted a British resolution hoping their countries retaining the licensed house system will investigate the question in the light of the experts' report. The committee recognises that where the system existed for many years the question of abandonment must be supported by public opinion. Therefore it suggests that steps be taken to act upon public opinion in a fight against traffic in women.—Reuter.

RUBBER INDUSTRY.

PREMIER REFUSES TO MEET INVESTORS.

ORMSBY GORE VISIT.

London, Yesterday. Asked in the House of Commons if he would receive a deputation of members representing the rubber investors whose property had been depreciated in consequence of the announcement of the Government enquiry, Mr. Baldwin replied that the whole question was under review.—Reuter.

Colonial Office Tour.

Members of his family and representatives of the Colonial Office bid farewell to Mr. W. G. A. Ormsby Gore, Under Secretary, Colonial Office, on his departure on his tour.

He said in an interview that he would spend some time on rubber plantations "but the Government decision on rubber restriction will have been made before my return. My great interest will be to see the effect of that decision in the rubber producing areas.—Reuter.

Singapore, Yesterday.

The retention of the rubber control and the exploration of all means to bring into line the Dutch East Indies and other unrestricted countries was urged at a joint meeting of the Straits Settlements and Federated Malay States Central Advisory Committee's who decided to ask the Governments all rubber-growing countries to consider the advisability of suspending for a period the alienation of land for rubber.

The Committees are of opinion that the present scheme for release should be more elastic and that the pivotal price should be lowered in gradual stages while the scheme should provide for an increasing demand being supplied at a decreasing price.—Reuter.

PAYING UP.

ITALIAN AND FRENCH WAR DEBTS.

London, Yesterday. The Italian Government to-day duly paid to the British Government the sum of £2,000,000, being the fifth instalment payable under the war-debt funding agreement. The French Government also paid the sum of £3,000,000 as the fourth payment on account of the French war debt.—British Wireless Service.

voluntarily scrapped tonnage amounting to 1,800,000 tons and since then had scrapped about the same as America had.

Our Part.

Since the Armistice Great Britain has scrapped 1,538 ships with a total tonnage of 2,139,515. So when one looked at the contributions of the United States of half a million tons and our own of two million tons one could not say we had not done our part. "I do not think," said Mr. Bridgeman, "it is quite sufficiently understood how large a part we have played in this matter. We are the only nation that is dependent for our very existence on the free passage of the seas and for that reason our contribution, I think, is all the more remarkable."

Our present naval expenditure was seven per cent. of the total Budget of the country of the pre-war figure of 25.5 per cent. and against 8.5 in the United States at the present time and 14.9 per cent. in Japan.—British Wireless Service.



Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Kai-shek, having received so many favours from him. But he has also been loyal to Marshal Li, his original superior.

Opinion in Canton is that General Chen's influence is responsible for rapprochement with Nanking. That General Chen is influential is evident from the fact that shortly after his return to Canton, Marshal Li several times

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The Register of Members of the Company will be CLOSED from 3rd March, 1928 to 15th March, 1928, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at P. O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 12.10 o'clock in the afternoon on FRIDAY, the 16th day of March, 1928, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution:

"That the capital of the Company be increased from its present capital of \$3,000,000 (Hong Kong Currency) divided into '300,000 shares of \$10 each' to '\$6,000,000 (Hong Kong Currency)' divided into 600,000 'shares of \$10 each and that 'such additional shares shall 'rank in all respects pari passu 'with the original capital of the 'Company.'

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon on MONDAY, the Second day of April, 1928, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming the above Resolution as a Special Resolution.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place on MONDAY, the Second day of April, 1928, at 12.40 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the above Meeting shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions, namely:—

1. "That the Directors be, and they are hereby authorised, to 'capitalise the sum of \$1,500,000 profits of the Company 'standing to the credit of the 'Company's Reserve Fund and to 'allot to the members holding 'shares of the Company as on 'the 1st day of July, 1928, in 'respect of the net amount capitalised 'fully paid shares of the Com- 'pany of equivalent nominal 'value in the proportion of one 'share for every two shares of 'the Company then held by such 'persons respectively and that 'such shares so allotted shall 'rank for dividends as from the '1st day of July, 1928."

2. "That if, on such distribution 'as aforesaid, any person would 'be entitled to a fraction of a 'share, the Directors shall, in 'lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share 'to be allotted to a person or 'persons to be named by the 'Directors and such share may, 'at such time as the Directors 'think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the 'person entitled to the fractions 'making up the share."

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THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 17th March, 1928, commencing at 2.30 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 2 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1 for all persons including Ladies.

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The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2. Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meetings.

Hong Kong, 12th March, 1928.

NOTICE.**THE HONG KONG & WHAMPOA
DOCK CO., LTD.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Buildings, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 20th March, 1928, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 20th March, 1928 (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. M. DYER,

Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 6th March, 1928.

**GREEN ISLAND CEMENT
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

THE 39th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st day of March, 1928, at Noon for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 13th March, 1928, until WEDNESDAY, the 21st March, 1928, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,

General Managers.

Hong Kong, 1st March, 1928.

**THE HONG KONG FIRE
INSURANCE CO., LTD.****NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

THE FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the undersigned on MONDAY, the 26th March, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1927.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th March, 1928, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,

General Managers,

The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hong Kong, 5th March, 1928.

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COUNCIL QUESTIONS.**AERODROME TO COST 2½
MILLIONS.****COLONY'S WATER SUPPLIES.**

Questions relating to the Colony's water supplies and the aerodrome for civil aviation under construction at Kai Tak were put by Sir Henry Pollock at yesterday's Council meeting and answered by the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, acting Colonial Secretary.

The questions and answers were as follows:—

1. What information can the Government lay before this Council as to the steps which are being taken in connection with the construction of the new reservoir in the Aberdeen Valley?

Answer: A Sessional Paper No. 10 of 1927 on this subject has been issued and was laid on the table on the 22nd December last.

The Secretary of State has been asked by despatch dated 30th January, 1928, to give early sanction for this scheme, which, it is proposed, to charge to Loan Account. The approval of the Secretary of State is now being awaited.

2. What steps is the Government taking by leaflets or notices to instruct householders and others as to the imperative necessity of conserving the water supply of this Colony? Why cannot printed notices, in English and Chinese, be sent out to householders periodically? Is it not possible that some economy in consumption might be effected by reducing the amount of the free allowance of water to householders?

Answer: The Government has hitherto taken no such steps except on occasions of great urgency. Notices in English and Chinese could be printed and distributed to householders periodically, but it is not considered that the result of such action would justify the cost of printing and distribution.

Arrangements will however be made for the publication from time to time in the newspapers of the Colony of notices drawing attention to the importance of avoiding waste of water.

Some economy in consumption would result from the reduction or abolition of the free allowance of water, though it is doubtful whether the saving would be sufficient to justify the extra burden on the community. The question will be further considered.

3. In connection with the answer given to the Hon. Mr. Bernard at the last meeting of this Council to the effect that the Imperial Government was contributing £100,000 towards the Kai Tak Aerodrome, what is the estimated sum of money which the Hong Kong Government will have to contribute towards the cost of such aerodrome?

Answer: The estimated cost of forming the Aerodrome site adjoining Kowloon Bay is as follows:—

(a) Reclamation of area from the Kai Tak Development Co. \$1,001,250.00

(b) Resumption of Lands and Properties 185,000.00

(c) Completion of Reclamation including surfacing, etc. 738,000.00

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LIVERPOOL ROLL OF HONOUR

It has taken over eight years' work to complete the Roll of Honour which is to be placed in Liverpool Cathedral and which contains the names of 40,000 Liverpool men who fell in the war.

NOTICES.

**FANLING HUNT
STEEPLECHASES.****EASTER MEETING.**

Saturday, 31st March, 1928.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the

EASTER MEETING to be held on

Saturday, 31st March,

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Dr. F. PIERCE-GROVE,

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THE CANTON VISIT.**COLONY'S THANKS TO HIS
EXCELLENCY.****A COUNCIL TRIBUTE.**

The visit of H.E. the Governor to Canton was the subject of reference at the Legislative Council yesterday when at the outset, Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., Senior Unofficial Member, spoke as follows:—

As this is the first meeting of this Council which has taken place since your visit to Canton, I desire, as the Senior Unofficial Member, to express the deep gratitude of this Colony to your Excellency for your labours on our behalf.

We are indeed fortunate to have as the head of the Executive, at this present time, one who combines a profound insight into Chinese character with a genuine sympathy with the aspirations of the Chinese people.

You have rightly interpreted the sincere desire of all sections in this Colony for the restoration and continued maintenance of friendly trading relations with the province of Kwangtung, and in all the steps which you have taken and are taking for the purpose of strengthening and extending those ties I can assure your Excellency of the wholehearted and unanimous support of every section of the community of Hong Kong. (Applause).

Governor On His Visit.

In reply, H.E. the Governor said: I appreciate very much what the Senior Unofficial Member has said and I cordially endorse his hope that the friendly ties between this Colony and the Liang Kuang provinces may be strengthened with every passing day, and that trade between Hong Kong and Canton may flourish exceedingly.

The thanks of the Colony for the happy results so far achieved are due first to Mr. Brennan, who has striven wholeheartedly ever since his appointment as Consul-General at Canton for the improvement of Anglo-Chinese relations; next to Mr. Shenton, lately a member of this Council, for establishing personal contact of a very friendly kind with Marshal Li Chai-sum; but above all to Sir Shou-son Chow, Dr. Kotewall and Mr. Li Yau-tsun for paving the way by their informal visit to Marshal Li for the recent mutual and cordial exchange of official visits.

It was also a fortunate and very opportune circumstance that, shortly after the informal visit which these three gentlemen paid to Canton, H.E.M.'s Minister, Sir Miles Lampson, called officially on Marshal Li and communicated to him in person the warm invitation of this Government to visit Hong Kong. Personal and friendly intercourse so established cannot fail to be of great value to the Government as well as to the people both of Hong Kong and of Canton. It will remove misunderstandings. It will promote co-operation. It will strengthen the forces of law and order; and it will, I hope, mark the beginning of an era of peace, happiness and prosperity in South China.

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TANGO MARU Wednesday, 21st March.
AKI MARU Wednesday, 25th April.

BOMHAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.
TOKUSHIMA MARU Saturday, 17th March.
GENOA MARU Wednesday, 28th March.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.
BOKUYO MARU Thursday, 19th April.

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.
HAKATA MARU Tuesday, 10th April.

NEW YORK and/or HOSION via PANAMA.
IMAYEBASHI MARU Tuesday, 27th March.
LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.
LIMA MARU Saturday, 14th April.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & KANGARU.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
AKI MARU Saturday, 17th March.
FUSHIMI MARU Tuesday, 20th March.
TSURUGA MARU Wednesday, 21st March.

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SHIPPING SECTION.

PACIFIC FREIGHT.

COLUMBIA PACIFIC CO.'S
NEW SERVICES

AGENCIES CONFIRMED

The Columbia Pacific Shipping Co. have been appointed General Agents in the Orient for the Tacoma Oriental Steamship Co.

The first sailing from Puget Sound will be the s.s. "West Hind" on May 25 for Hong Kong and the Philippine Islands. Thereafter, a regular monthly sailing from Hong Kong direct to San Francisco, thence to Puget Sound ports, will be maintained.

Recent Purchases.

It was announced recently that the Columbia Pacific Shipping Co. purchased the eleven vessels operated in the Oregon Oriental Line service, from the United States Shipping Board, and that they have also been appointed General Agents of the Oceanic & Oriental Navigation Co. who have bought the ships operated in the America Australia Orient Line.

By the acquisition of these agencies, the Columbia Pacific Shipping Co. will be able to maintain a regular weekly sailing from Hong Kong direct for San Francisco, fortnightly to Portland (Oregon), and monthly to Los Angeles and Puget Sound ports.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kashmir" left Shanghai for this port on March 13 at 3 p.m. with the Mails, and is due here to-morrow at about 6 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Shanghai on March 12 at 6 p.m., left Shanghai on March 13 at 12.30 p.m. and was due at Hong Kong yesterday at noon. She will sail for Manila at 5 p.m. to-morrow.

The B.I. s.s. "Talma" will leave Amoy for this port to-morrow p.m., and is due here on March 18 p.m.

The B.I. s.s. "Santhia" left Singapore for this port on March 13 p.m., and is due here on March 19 a.m.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benavon" from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London and Straits is due to arrive here on March 19.

The D. & Co. s.s. "Bolton Castle" sailed from New York on February 4, and is due here on March 25.

The D. & Co. s.s. "Venezia" sailed from Port Said on Feb. 20, and is due here on March 29.

The D. & Co. M.V. "Teledo" sailed from New York on February 13, and is due here on April 12.

Of the booklets issued by S. F. Bowser and Co., London, one which is of special interest to users of oil engines is entitled "The Bowser Line." It describes in detail the action of the Bowser mechanical lubricator. The information in the booklet also refers to the principle of timed lubrication for oil-engine cylinders and is in itself a handy little treatise.

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The Magistrate remarked that as the quantity of opium was so large there could be no question of bail.

Mr. d'Almada said that he would not attempt to ask for bail.

A formal remand was given until March 23.

STEAM OR OIL?

EFFORT TO POPULARIZE
TURBINES.

"NO PROGRESS SHOWN."

The systematic effort which has been made during the past year or so to popularize steam turbines, particularly in conjunction with high-pressure boilers, may have led to the impression that some progress has been made with this class of machinery in comparison with internal-combustion engines. Figures indicating the actual position, therefore, are not without interest.

During 1927 the steam turbine definitely lost ground. At the beginning of the year, excluding Germany (for which country full statistics are not available), there were 44 turbine sets, totalling 436,625 s.h.p., under construction. By the end of the year the number had fallen to 34, of 333,700 s.h.p., says "The Motor Ship."

During the same period the number of oil-engined installations had increased from 277, totalling 843,617 i.h.p., to 352, aggregating 1,233,196 i.h.p.

Further Emphasis.

This meant that in 1927 steam-turbine construction had fallen by 21 per cent., whilst the output of oil engines being built had increased from the beginning to the end of the year by no less than 34 per cent.

If further emphasis be needed, it may be laid upon the fact that the period in question was one of considerable improvement in the shipbuilding industry, for tonnage under construction had doubled between the beginning and the end of the year. Moreover, the "King George V," the first example of a ship equipped with high-pressure turbines, has been in service since the summer of 1926. Even in this country, where owners have been more favourable towards turbines than abroad, no progress is shown.

In 1926, 13 turbine steamers of 119,000 tons gross were launched, and in 1927 the number was unaltered, the tonnage being 137,000 tons. In 1926, 37 oil-engined vessels of 202,000 tons gross were launched; in 1927 the figure was 80, of 356,000 tons.

OPIUM HAUL.

BIG SEIZURE ON S.S.
"HAIHONG."

Yesterday Chief Preventive Officer Clark and Revenue Officer Ward searched the s.s. "Haihong" and made a seizure of 3,600 taels of prepared non-Government opium. Three firemen employed on board the ship were taken into custody.

This morning they were produced before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy charged with possessing and importing the illicit drug.

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THE "CHESAPEAKE"

The "Chesapeake," the first of two 12,000-ton motor tankers ordered by the Anglo-American Oil Co., was completed and ran trials on January 16. She is 470 ft. b.p., with a beam of 64 ft. 3 ins. and a depth of 34 ft. 9 ins. The "Chesapeake" was built by Workman, Clark and Co. and equipped with a Workman, Clark-Sulzer eight-cylinder engine.

It is designed to develop 3,500 b.h.p. at 90 r.p.m., and has cylinders 680 mm. bore with a piston stroke of 1,200 mm., the speed of the ship being 11½ knots. The hull is constructed on the Isherwood system.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, further evidence was taken in the case in which the steersman of a junk is charged with the manslaughter of a little boat girl as the result of a collision between the junk and a fishing boat off Pulo Island, near Stanley.

The Magistrate gave another adjournment until Tuesday afternoon next, and indicated his intention of visiting the two craft in the meantime.

STYLISH "ADS."

DOLLAR & A. M. LINES' NEW
FEATURES.

SPECIAL 1928 SERIES.

On page 5 of this issue of the "China Mail" appears the first of the 1928 advertising series of the Dollar Steamship Line and the American Mail Line.

"A great deal of comment was occasioned in America when this series was shown for the first time," said Mr. T. B. Wilson, the General Agent, "and we are more than pleased to announce that this group of advertisements in their illustrations, technique and style are far in advance of many campaigns handled in America."

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WORK FOR BRITAIN.

An order for two Canadian lake steamers for the Matthews Steamship Co., of Toronto, of a total deadweight of 2,350 tons, has been secured by Messrs. Armstrong, Whitworth and Co., Ltd. The vessels, which are of the single-deck type, with poop and fore-castle, are to be built under the supervision of Messrs. John Reid (London) Ltd. The machinery is also being constructed by Messrs. Armstrong, Whitworth and Co.

THE "ITAQUICE"

The passenger liner "Itaquice" has been completed by Beardmore. She is a sister ship to the "Itapá," and is for the Costeira Co. A third similar vessel is under construction at Beardmore's yard. The length is 370 ft., the beam 52 ft., and the depth 26 ft. 9 ins.; there is accommodation for about 145 first-class passengers and 90 third-class. Two Beardmore-Tosi four-cycle single-acting Diesel engines are installed, developing a total of 4,750 i.h.p., and superchargers are fitted.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

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Among the orders received by Laurence, Scott and Co. during December, 1927, for electrical machinery for motor ships are four motors for the Clan Line, eight for driving pumps on the new Bibby motor liner, as well as two 215 b.h.p. motors coupled to the air compressors, 16 Scott electric cargo winches for Nippon Yusen Kaisha liners, two motors for a Messageries Maritimes liner, 16 for the Commonwealth and Dominion Line vessels, five for a Nelson liner, and 44 Scott cargo winches as well as 48 motors for the Netherlands S.S. Co.

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HAWAII MARU Saturday, 24th March.
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INDUS MARU (Calls at Penang) Wednesday, 21st March.
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CANADA MARU Saturday, 31st March.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.
TACOMA MARU Sunday, 25th April.

SEATTLE MARU Wednesday, 25th April.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports.

PARIS MARU (From Shanghai) Tuesday, 20th March.
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI. Thursday, 12th April, 10 a.m.

MENADO MARU Thursday, 12th April, 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports. San Francisco & Panama.

JAPAN PORTS
AMUR MARU Saturday, 17th March.

SUMATRA MARU Monday, 19th March.
SOURABAYA MARU Wednesday, 28th March.

KEELUNG, SWATOW & AMOY.
KAJO MARU Sunday, 18th Mar. 11 a.m.

HOZAN MARU Sunday, 25th March, 11 a.m.
TAKAO—Via SWATOW & AMOY

DELTA MARU Thursday, 22nd March 10 a.m.
TAKAO & KEELUNG

SOURABAYA MARU Wednesday, 28th March.
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KARMALA	9,128	24th Mar.	M'sles, Casablanca, L'don & A'werp.
IMIRZAPORE	6,715	27th Mar.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
MANTUA	10,040	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MONGOLIA	16,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
INAGPORA	6,233	21st Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,953	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KASHIGAR	9,005	12th May	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
JEYPORE	5,318	19th May	Marseilles & London
MALWA	10,580	26th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London
BETA	8,997	9th June	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NOVARA	6,980	16th June	Marseilles & London
RANPURA	16,601	23rd June	Bombay, Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,114	7th July	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
INANKIN	7,058	14th July	Marseilles & London
RAWALPINDI	16,619	21st July	Bombay, Marseilles & London
KASHMIR	9,885	4th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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TAKADA	6,949	28th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MOREA	10,953	30th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
TALAMBA	8,018	11th Apr.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
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KASHIGAR	9,005	13th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TILAWA	10,005	21st Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
MALWA	10,985	27th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	6,956	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
*NOVARA	6,989	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DELTA	8,097	11th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
RANPURA	16,601	23rd May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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With orders representing over half a million tons on hand it is safe to say that the industry will continue in an almost flourishing condition throughout 1928. To keep up the good work, however, new contracts are needed. On all sides there is growing optimism as to future prospects. Shipbuilders may tone down their enthusiasm by speaking of "qualified and chastened optimism," but the employees and officials express their feelings with greater heartiness. Everywhere there is the will to work for the betterment of the industry, and only the lack of orders may be the retarding factor.

During January twelve vessels, measuring 56,013 tons, were launched, a marked improvement on the same month of last year, which contributed only one vessel of 5,209 tons. In January 1922 the output was nine vessels of 56,306 tons.

The New Work.
From the point of view of new work January has been very unsatisfactory, only six craft, for the most part of insignificant dimensions, having been ordered. This scarcity is causing some anxiety, the fear being that very soon again empty berths will be the rule rather than the exception. Under the existing circumstances of course, this misfortune may not be experienced for some time. The following were the contracts announced during the month:—Messrs. Wm. Beardmore & Co. (Ltd.), Dalmuir, to build a twin-screw sludge steamer for the Corporation of Salford; the Ardrossan Dockyard (Ltd.), an oil-tank vessel of about 1,000 tons for the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co. (Ltd.), London; Messrs. Bow, McLachlan & Co. (Ltd.), Paisley, a single screw vessel of 420 tons for Lisbon owners; Messrs. Wm. Denny & Bros. (Ltd.), Dumbarton, a twin-screw motor ferry for the Southern Railway Co.; Messrs. James A. Silver, Roseneath, a twin-screw cabin cruiser of 37 tons; and Messrs. Alley & MacLellan (Ltd.), Polmadie, a sloop.

The Launches.
Underwater details of the vessels put into the water during the month:—

Duchess of Bedford, passenger and cargo steamer, 21,800 tons, John Brown & Co., Clydebank, for the Canadian Pacific Steamships (Ltd.).

El Argentino, motor vessel, 9,100 tons, Fairfield Shipbuilding Co., for the Houlder Line.

Observer, cargo steamer, 5,900 tons, C. Connell & Co., Scotstoun, for the Harrison Line, Liverpool.

Caledonian Monarch, cargo steamer, 5,840 tons, Napier & Miller, Old Kilpatrick, for the Monarch Steamship Co., Glasgow.

Dagomba, cargo steamer, 3,339 tons, A. McMillan & Sons, Dumbarton, for the British & African Steam Navigation Co., Liverpool.

Duke of Argyll, passenger steamer, 3,794 tons, W. Denny & Bros., Dumbarton, for the London, Midland & Scottish Railway Co.

Patunga, cutter suction Hopper dredger, 2,800 tons, built by W. Simon & Co., Renfrew.

Royal Archer, passenger and cargo steamer, 2,200 tons, Scott's Co., Greenock, for the London and Edinburgh Shipping Co., Leith.

Groningen, cargo steamer, 1,200 tons, Ailsa Shipbuilding Co., Troon, for the General Steam Navigation Co., London.

Hannah E. Reynolds, trawler, 200 tons, built by W. Beardmore & Co., Dalmuir.

Two barges, each 40 tons, built by Alley & MacLellan (Ltd.), Polmadie.

AIRMAN KILLED.

EX-OFFICER'S CRASH ON
PLEASURE FLIGHT.

Mr. Albert Critchley, while flying a solo machine at the Yorkshire Aeroplane Club's Aerodrome, Sherburn-in-Elmet, near Leeds, crashed and died from his injuries within a few minutes. The machine got into a spin and then nose-dived.

Mr. Critchley, who was 27 years of age and a dental surgeon, lived in Newton-road, Chapeltown, Leeds. He was a native of Bolton, Lancashire, and for the past three years he had been employed at the Leeds Educational Dental Clinic.

He had served in the Royal Air Force, and was on the Reserve.

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First-class passengers for Hong Kong on the "Empress of Asia" arrived from Vancouver via Japan and Shanghai on March 15 were:—

Miss M. B. Ivanson, Mr. M. A. A. MacKintosh, Mrs. I. & Miss Z. Millbank, Mr. W. W. Near, Mr. H. D. Bayne, Mr. F. W. Wise, Mr. W. F. K. Telfer, Mr. S. Ballard, Mr. M. Botelho, Mr. A. Pacheco, Mr. R. Brito, Mr. G. Vilhiguere, Mr. T. C. Chin, Mr. W. K. Chung, Mr. N. M. Currie, Miss K. L. Fong, Mr. V. M. & Mrs. Grayburn, Mrs. S. Y. Goldklang, Mr. S. W. Hee, Mrs. S. Y. Hau, Mr. Hsu Tscheng, Mr. S. K. Koo, Mr. C. H. Lam, Mr. K. T. Lang, Mr. C. C. Lee, Mrs. Lee, Mr. S. H. Lo, Mr. P. W. Massey, Mr. H. W. Mok, Mrs. C. Mok, Mrs. C. Mok, Miss E. L. McClung, Mr. S. P. Ng, Mr. S. Y. Ng, Mr. G. M. S. Remedios, Mr. S. del Rivero, Mr. J. Medina, Mr. A. M. Souza, Mr. F. J. Alvares, Mr. A. A. Silva, Mr. J. C. de Britto, Mr. L. R. Barrera, Mr. W. M. Stranack, Mr. D. Timmins, Mr. T. M. Wang, Mr. Y. H. Woo, Mr. K. M. Wu, Mr. D. W. Yu, Mr. T. K. Yung, Mr. P. A. Yung, Mr. W. Z. Yung, Mr. E. Z. Yung, Mr. H. S. Yung, Mr. E. S. P. W. Parker, Mr. G. H. Zehner.

DEPARTURES.

Passengers sailed from Hong Kong on the s.s. "Taiping" for Australian ports via Manila on March 16 were:—

Mr. & Mrs. Ford Yuill, Mr. & Mrs. F. W. Hill, Mrs. C. Stratford, Miss D. Stratford, Mr. C. Stratford, Mr. J. Cantor, Mr. Chambers, Capt. R. Q. F. Johnston, Mr. & Mrs. D. Mulcahy, Miss C. Hinman, Miss L. Hawkrigge, Miss G. Yeatman, Miss F. Dillon, Mr. & Mrs. G. Manwaring, Mrs. C. Wong, Mr. Wong Cheung, Mr. C. Lowe, Mr. Mow Bun, Mr. Eng Poy, Mr. Yock Kee, Mr. Chung Lock, Mr. Yuen Joe, Mr. C. Waison, Mr. Kum Day, Mr. Ah Gip, Mr. Ah Sing, Mr. Say Wing, Mr. Chen Sing, Mr. Long Chung, Mr. Chin Foon-tong, Mr. Cheong Sum, Mr. G. Young, Mr. Sheu Cheu-kaw, Mr. Sue Chu-yun, Mr. Ng King-chiu, Mrs. See-to Hung-liew, Mr. E. Chu Chok.

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LI CHAI-SUM.

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man (Provincial Finance Minister) came down by boat to see the party off.

At 12.20 this morning, the special train arrived at Samchun, on the British frontier. The bodyguards were here dispensed with and, twenty minutes later, the special train on the British section left Samchun, arriving at Kowloon at 1.25 a.m.

A Long Wait.

Two European and four Chinese detectives from the Criminal Investigation Department were attached to the party.

Mr. Kong E-suen was the only Hong Kong resident to meet Marshal Li who waited till 3.30 a.m. before General Chen Ming-chu, who had come down by steamboat, joined him.

The party then boarded the "Mantua" and sailed this morning for Shanghai, with their staffs and attendants. Marshal Li and General Chen each occupied two rooms.

TALK OF WAR

Military Activity Around Nanking.

Nanking, Yesterday. A good deal of military activity is taking place here, the capital of the Nationalist Government. The 37th Nationalist Army has crossed the Yangtze over to Pukow, and entrained on the



General Chen Ming-chu.

Tientsin-Pukow Railway for the northern front (i.e., on the Kiangsu-Shantung frontier).

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's headquarters staff are leaving also for the front to-day. The movements of Chiang Kai-shek himself are unknown.

It is learned here that a section of feeling in Anhui province (which is under the Nationalists and is near the war zone) is opposed to the policy of the Nanking Government. — British Naval Wireless.

Also at Pukow.

Pukow, Yesterday. Nationalist military units stationed here are being moved and there are signs of activity. — British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Pukow is on the northern bank of the Yangtze, opposite Nanking.]

Ironsides to Fight.

Wuhu, Yesterday. The Ironsides (Cantonese Nationalists ejected from Kwangtung) are expected to pass through this port on their way to service at the front against the North. — British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Wuhu is only 55 miles above Nanking. The Ironsides have marched several hundreds of miles since their defeat in Kwangtung.]

Martial Law at Wuchang.

Wuchang, Yesterday. Strict martial law is being observed here. — British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Wuchang is opposite Hankow, about 600 miles up the Yangtze and 400 miles from Nanking. Nationalists are in control here but the local leaders are not showing much desire to co-operate with Nanking.]

TALK OF PEACE.

What is There Left to Fight For?

Peking, Yesterday. Chinese circles state that while the Peking authorities are pushing on with the tariff autonomy question, the Nanking Nationalist Government is doing little towards enforcement of autonomy next year. Hence, it is suggested that the Government have reached an agreement on the question, whereby the North will be left to settle the tariff question with the Powers.

The North and South are also believed new to hold similar views on Treaty revision. Both are apparently favouring gradual revision by peaceful means.

Armistice Possible? — Chinese circles state that the Government are not showing much desire to co-operate with Nanking.

NANKING OUTRAGE.

MEETING OF FIVE POWERS' REPRESENTATIVES.

TERMS OF SETTLEMENT.

Peking, Yesterday.

A meeting of representatives of the five Powers concerned with the Nanking outrages (the United States, Japan, France, Italy and Britain) took place to-day, when it is believed the terms of settlement (with China) were discussed. It is the unofficial opinion that the Powers may agree to a formal apology from the Nanking Nationalist Government, and some compensation for the victims or a commission to decide on this matter, but will waive the demand for punishment of the guilty. — Reuter. [Note: A reduction of the Powers' demands is the result of Sir Miles Lampson's conversations with Marshal Li Chai-sum of Canton and Mr. Huang Fu, Foreign Minister at Nanking. The other four Powers are being kept informed of the progress made in the discussions.]

H.K.V.D.C. INSPECTED.

THE NEED FOR LARGER NUMBERS.

THE GENERAL'S REMARKS.

Satisfaction with the manner in which the movements were executed and disappointment at the failure to maintain progress in the matter of adding to Corps numbers was expressed by H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., at his annual inspection yesterday of the Corps. The Band of the 2nd Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Battalion K.O.S.B.'s was in attendance.

There was a good muster of Volunteers at the inspection, which took place on Murray Parade ground. The Corps presented a smart appearance and the unity of movement was a credit to officers and men alike. There was a large turn-out of the general public who watched the inspection from the grandstand and various points of vantage.

Band Not Functioning.

The General, after complimenting the Corps, expressed the opinion that more might be done on the part of members to influence their friends to join the Corps. Great hopes had been held of further increases among the Portuguese Company and he could not help thinking that there must be some misunderstanding as to conditions of enrolling which he hoped would soon be cleared up. He was sorry not to see the band which it was hoped to form. He heard that, in spite of being provided with new and up-to-date instruments and in spite of all Mr. Fitz-Earle's efforts, it was still unable to function and he trusted that the difficulties would soon be surmounted. Whilst on the subject of music he hoped that more pipers would be forthcoming for the Scottish Company.

Artillery Company Expansion.

The General congratulated the Artillery Co. on their expansion under Capt. Martin and the excellent results attained at the practice camp. The Armoured Car and Motor Cyclist Company had put in some excellent training under Major Dowbiggin and provision had been made in this year's Budget for a second Car. The Portuguese Company had come on considerably and their soldierly bearing was much marked.

The Corps was to be congratulated on the excellent results of the machine gun training and there had been more interest taken in, and considerable improvement in, musketry courses. The recent Ordinance published should help towards keeping up the strength by making special concessions in the demands of efficiency to those who had completed three years' service and by the formation of the Corps Signals, Lights Section Cadre and Supplementary Reserve.

In conclusion, the General congratulated the Corps on winning last year's Kirkpatrick Cup Competition and on the strength of the Camp attendance.

Six officers and 193 men of the Royal Marines, the last contingent of the corps from Shanghai, were welcomed at Portsmouth.

Valuable machinery was destroyed in a fire in the electric-plating bay at the Douglas Motor-Cycle Works, Kingwood, Bristol.

elimination of Reds and extremists is growing. A number of querying whether further grounds for war exist between the North and South and the opinion is that as such negotiations progress, armistices will become more possible, especially if the fighting in the coming spring will be indecisive and a general anti-communist movement on these points and the

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

Young Housekeeper: "I want a piece of meat without any bone, fat, or gristle."
Bewildered Butcher: "Madam, I think you'd better have an egg."

Mrs. Sound: "I never knew your husband was lazy."

Mrs. Pound: "He's had a postcard on his desk for a week now, and says he can't read it because it is wrong side up."

She: "A penny for your thoughts."

He: "I was thinking of going—"
Her father (at head of stairs): "Give him half-a-crown, Mary—it's worth it."

Teacher: Having explained the postman's various duties, proceeded to ask the class—Who pays the postman's wages?

Pupil: "Please, miss, the rates."

Teacher: "And what are rates?"

Pupil: "Please, miss, things wot goes up!"

"Your Lordship," said Pat to the Judge, it's a divorce I'll be after gettin' from me wife, Norah. She talks all night and she talks all day."

"Why, what does she talk about?"

"Ah, that's what's the bother. She don't say."

"You will admit that it requires great ability to rise high in politics," said Mr. Bondman.

"Yes," replied his friend; "but the kind of ability that enables a man to secure a job is not always the kind of ability that enables him to fulfil his duties."

"Pa, what does it mean to be tried by a jury of one's peers?"

"It means, my son, that a man is to be tried by a jury composed of men who are his equals, or on equality with him, so that they will have no prejudice against him."

"Then, pa, I s-pose you'd have to be tried by a jury of bald-headed men?"

"How did you find your steak, sir?"

"Oh, just a matter of luck. I happened to move a piece of potato."

Sheik: "You might as well stop screaming. Your parents can never catch us now."

Captive: "It's not that. I thought they were gaining on us."

"What are pauses?"

"Something that eats have."

He—"Who is that handsome boy with the cropped head?"

She—"That's my cousin, Betty."

"And the blonde man with the monocle?"

"That's my younger sister, Lu."

Laughing but embarrassed, "So I suppose the other young man in the dinner jacket is your elder sister?"

"No, that's my grandmother!"

A New York minister says the devil is busy in Russia. Then somebody actually is working there.

She—"I won't even consider marrying you. You are the most stupid, asinine, idiotic creature on earth. You are pulsive, abhorrent, miserable. I didn't marry you if you were the last man on earth. I hate you. You are despicable."

He—"Do I understand that you are rejecting my proposal?"

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With his heart in his boots, the paperless reporter was led into the presence of the editor, who said:

"Yes, that's right. He's one of my staff!"

Thinking the great man had mistaken him for someone else, and that he'd better make a clean breast of it, he began to stammer out his confession as soon as the collector had departed.

"Don't worry about that, old son," beamingly said the other.

"As it happens, I'm not the editor."

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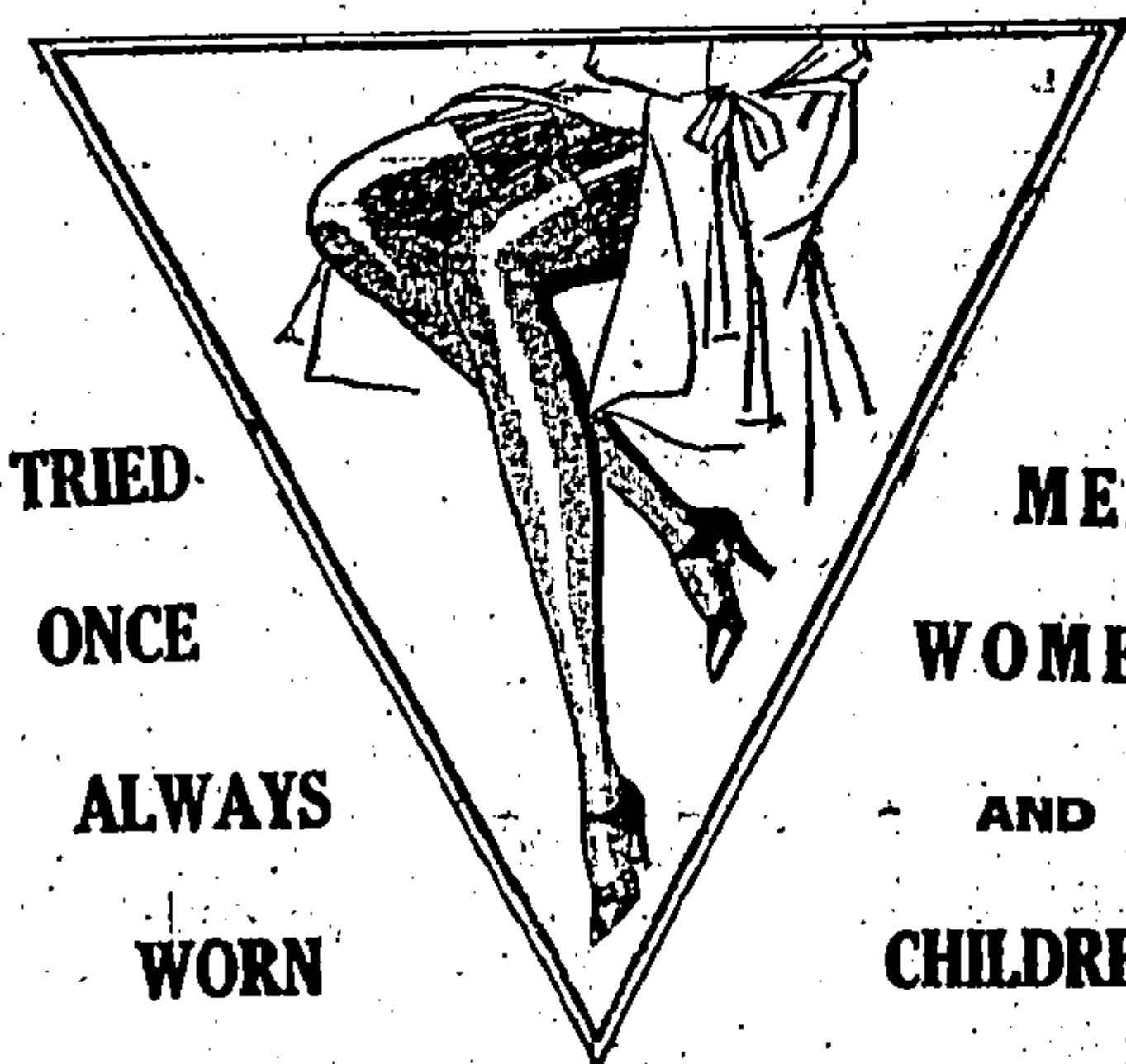
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MARSHAL LI'S DEPARTURE.

There are reasons for pessimism in Hong Kong now that Marshal Li Chai-sum, the head of the Kwangtung Government, has again embarked on a venture to Shanghai and Nanking. But there are other reasons which lead one to hope for the best in spite of the crop of rumours prevailing in both Canton and Hong Kong. Credit must be given Marshal Li for knowing best what is required of him and what the Cantonese, and also the foreign communities, expect of him. The only inference that can be drawn is that his administration has been strengthened to such an extent that no opposition is expected. Or, better still, that no rival element is within reach of causing disturbances in his absence. It should also be borne in mind that Marshal Li has left behind him a very capable and loyal body of supporters who are well qualified to carry on in the interim. General Wong Shiu-hung, the chairman of the Kwangsi Provincial Government, is one of these. True, he was caught off his guard when the Ironsides launched their coup last November, but as a man of strategy and a shrewd official, it is only reasonable to expect him to be fully prepared for eventualities this time.

What the outcome of Marshal Li's visit will be is very difficult to predict. There is, of course, the appointment of him by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as Chief of General Staff of the Nationalist Armies. But he has all

along occupied a similar position even if he was too far away to carry out the duties. At present, Chiang Kai-shek's attention is divided between preparation for another offensive against the Peking armies and finding the means to fill his war coffers for the project. It is in connection with the latter, we venture to predict, that Marshal Li has been summoned to Nanking. We use the word summoned intentionally because we believe the information given to us by reliable semi-official sources that Marshal Li tried hard not to go and would not have gone if he could have helped it.

Putting presumption at its highest, it seems to us that little can be achieved by a personal conference, other than what can be done through intermediaries. If Generalissimo Chiang is doubtful about Kwangtung's attitude, he has the assurance in the form of an order by Marshal Li, some weeks ago, prohibiting propaganda against Nanking. If it is material and substantial assistance that the Generalissimo desires to obtain from Canton, negotiations could also have been conducted without Marshal Li leaving his post. In fact, if Canton is to contribute to Nanking's war chest—as it seems she will—the best way to control matters in Canton will be by Marshal Li remaining. Whether Canton, in her hour of need, can spare much for the campaign against Peking is problematical. But Canton has just as much right as any other part of the Nationalist territory to be set on her feet—at her own expense.

Sub-Inspectors Hourigan and M. Murphy, and Detective Sergeant R. McEwan of the Hong Kong Police Force returned from home leave by the P. & O. s.s. "Mantua" yesterday.

While boarding a ferry boat at Erakine Ferry, Kilpatrick, Dumfriesshire, Mary Johnstone Anderson, aged 22, fell into the Clyde and was drowned.

Having tripped over the unfastened laces of her boots, Mrs. Bridget Reynolds, aged 89, of Chorlton-on-Medlock, Manchester, fell, and was fatally injured.

Constable Pirie, who lived in the top flat, rescued his wife and baby in a fire which burned out a tenement at 10, Main Street, Glasgow.

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**COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN THE "MAIL."**

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "My Best Girl."
To-day—World Theatre; "The Understanding Heart."

March 18-24—Star Theatre; "The Sap."
March 18-24—Queen's Theatre; "Seventh Heaven."
March 18-19—World Theatre; "The Tumbling River."
March 18-19—Star Theatre; "The Sap."

Small Bachelor."
March 20-21—World Theatre; "A
Society Scandal."
March 20-21—Star Theatre; "The
Midnight Girl."
March 22—Musicals at Helena

may institute, 6.30 p.m.
 MARCH 22-24—World Theatre;
 "You Never Know Women."
 March 22-24—Star Theatre;
 "Hold That Lion."
 Sports.

March 17—Extra race meeting
of the Hong Kong Jockey Club,
Race Course, Happy Valley.
March 19—Interport Billiards
Lobby at Club Lane.

March 20—Exhibition Billiards
Match, Club Lusitano, 9.15 p.m.
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March 21—Interport Billiards
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March 22—Interport Billiards

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March 23—Club Lusitano, 6 p.m.
March 24—Annual University
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Meetings.
 March 20—Yearly meeting of the
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 March 20—Annual meeting of
 members of the Victoria Recreation

March 21—Thirty-ninth annual
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Meeting of Shareholders of the H.K. Insurance Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Matheson's offices, noon.
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New York, Feb. 8.
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One of the children was apparently normal, but the other showed no signs of life except for blood circulation from the heart of the normal child. The babies were hurried to hospital, where the operation was performed. After eight hours administering oxygen the surviving child recovered, and is now reported to be completely normal.

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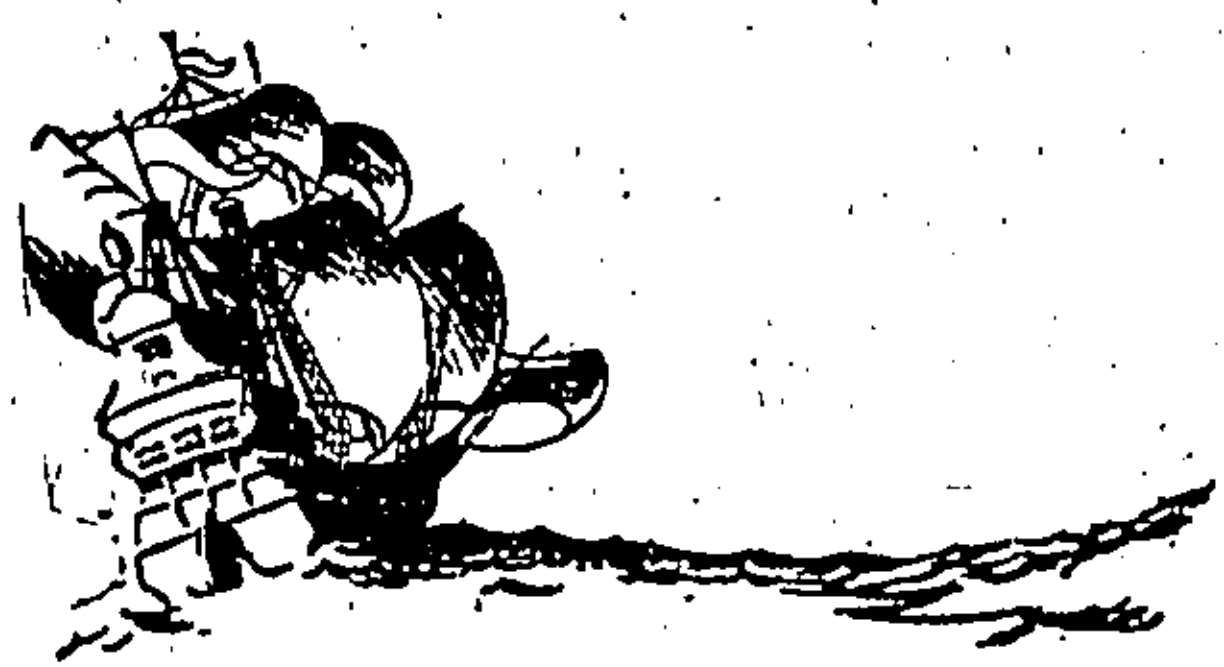
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LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Glasgow Small Debt Court dealt with 35,547 cases last year, 3,500 more than in 1926.

Prince Chichibu of Japan has accepted the presidency of the British Society, which was founded 20 years ago, at Tokyo.

Found in her room with a broken leg and believed to have lain there for four days, Mrs. Rhoda White has died in hospital at Bath.

Over 20,000 rats, driven from Thames-side warehouses by the flood, were caught by a Southwark firm of rat-catchers in a week.

Two brothers, stable boys to an Epsom trainer, collided while exercising horses over hurdles, and the elder, James Connelly, died in hospital.

Notts and Derbyshire coal-owners at Derby approved the Three Counties scheme, involving the participation of Yorkshire for marketing coal.

The attache case lost by Mr. Lee, wireless operator of the s.s. "Lungshan," has been recovered through the agency of the police, with the contents intact.

Sir Henry Gompertz (who was Puisne Judge in Hong Kong before being promoted to Malaya) is proceeding on Home leave by the "Mantua" on April 6.

Mr. P. M. Massey of Messrs. Reiss Massey & Co., was a passenger to Hong Kong on the "Empress of Asia" which arrived yesterday from Shanghai.

Angina pectoris was declared at the inquest to have caused the death of Endora Mary Isaac, aged 65, who was found some weeks after her death in an attic at Devonport.

Edmonton District Council has been recommended by the Plans Committee not to approve the construction of a greyhound racing track near the North Middlesex Hospital.

Fleet Orders state that naval officers and men of the Jewish faith should be given leave of absence for the feasts of the Passover, Pentecost, New Year, and Tabernacles, and for the Day of Atonement.

Mr. C. J. Roe, office assistant and accountant of the Harbour Department returned to the Colony by the s.s. "Mantua" which arrived here from Home yesterday. He will resume duty in place of Mr. Andrews.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, Mr. R. E. Lindsell had before him a Chinese charged with stabbing a tea-house waiter in Wanchai. As the waiter is still in hospital a week's formal remand was given.

Mrs. Florence Trippier, aged 32, wife of Mr. W. H. Trippier, of Boreham, Essex, skidded when motor-cycling home from her duties as a temporary school teacher at Writtle, near Chelmsford, and died in hospital from injuries.

The Nottingham authorities have been informed by his grandmother that Francis Anderson (whose real name is Francis Ferrari), the Edinburgh boy who has tramped 500 miles in the last 6 months saying he was in search of work, need not have left home, as work could have been found for him in Edinburgh.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, two Chinese were charged before Mr. W. Schofield with stowing away from Swatow on board the s.s. "Cremor." The accused stated that their homes had been destroyed by bandits in the country and they came to Hong Kong to look for work. Sentence of three weeks' hard labour each was passed.

Judgment for defendant with costs was given by Mr. Justice J. K. Wood in the Summary Court yesterday in a case in which Lang Quock-lang, of 5, Gresson-street, sued Tam Wah-dong, c/o the China Rubber Tyre Company for \$500 in respect of an alleged partnership debt. The defendant was also successful in his counterclaim for \$259. The dispute arose out of the dissolution of the partnership and an admitted debt owing from the partnership amounting to \$784.

On Wednesday Mr. Chau Tien-ping was re-elected chairman of the Canton Chinese General Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Chau, who is a comparatively young man, received 23 votes out of 46 cast. He had been chairman for some time but resigned a few months ago on account of ill-health. He was present at the Chamber's dinner to Sir Cecil Clementi last Saturday when Mr. Wu Chung-tong (then vice-chairman and acting chairman) presided. Mr. Wu received 20 votes on Wednesday and is therefore re-elected.

To-morrow is St. Patrick's Day.

High seas have made a serious breach in the sea wall at Prestonpans, on the Firth of Forth.

Charles Richards, of Newbradwell, was found dead on the line near Wolverton railway station.

Miss Deswick is to address the Victoria Diocesan Association in the Cathedral Hall at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

Singapore, March 15.—The death is announced of Mr. Wentworth Lewis, the editor of the "Straits Times."

After a brief business visit to Shanghai, Mr. N. M. Currie, manager of Messrs. Davis, Dong & Co., Ltd., returned to Hong Kong yesterday on the "Empress of Asia."



The Rev. Charles E. Jefferson, pastor of the Broadway Congregational Tabernacle, at Broadway and Fifty-sixth Street, New York City, who has refused a raise in salary of \$2,500 a year, claiming that he is already receiving sufficient salary. The pastor is already receiving \$12,000 a year, and the raise would have made him the highest paid preacher in the 5,000 Congregational churches in the United States.

Tokyo, March 15.—Four men have been arrested at Ogaki, near Nagoya, for attempting to smuggle 20,000 rifles and 200,000 rounds of ammunition into Shanghai.—Reuter.

Pau Tat-shing alias Pau Nching, a clerk formerly in the service of the Director of Education, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment by Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon in connection with charges of fraud.



Captain Brabant—in other words, Crown Prince Leopold of Belgium, Duke of Brabant, as he was promoted by Colonel Eulenburg to Captain of the Grenadiers.

The mistress of a cargo junk was yesterday charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy with the larceny of 950 pounds of Welsh coal, the property of the Admiralty. S.P.O. Lynas of H.M.S. "Magnolia" deposed to searching the junk after it had discharged the coal, and found a large quantity in the front compartment. The defence was that it was possible that two coolies who had been engaged to help unload the coal had committed the larceny. The Magistrate decided that there was a doubt in the case and the defendant must be given the benefit of that doubt. She was accordingly discharged.

Mrs. Adams, of Pillsbury, Derbyshire, has given birth to triplets. All are doing well.

Efforts to revive the flax industry in Selby, Yorkshire, were announced at the West Yorkshire Farmers' Union meeting in Leeds.

Marty, one of the French Communist deputies recently sentenced for sedition, who has been eluding the police, was arrested in a Paris suburb.

Mr. V. M. Grayburn of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, and Mrs. Grayburn, returned to the Colony yesterday by the "Empress of Asia."

In a mouth-organ contest at Brompton Town Hall, S.E., the first prize-winner was Mr. R. H. Edwards, of Woodfield-crescent, Harrow-road, Paddington.

Through drinking hot tea from the spout of a teapot a 3-year-old boy, named Frederick Stubbfield, was scalded to death at Peabody-buildings, Orchard-street, S.W.

The Australian Government announces the gradual abolition of the Federal land tax, which has been found to be useless for compelling the sub-division of large rural estates.

The "China Mail" thanks the Publicity Bureau of the Nationalist Central Political Council, Canton branch, for an anniversary number of the "Brief Survey of Dr. Sun Yat-sen's Career and Policy."

Two cases of notifiable disease were reported yesterday to the Medical Officer of Health, both Chinese from the city registration district. One had enteric fever (typhoid) and the other cerebro-spinal fever.

Just after leaving the ferry launch at Yau-mati, a Chinese named Tang Pan-hung who had come from Macao to visit some relatives, collapsed in the street, and died soon after admission to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

Fred Wilson, who had 44 warrants issued against him and asked that 68 charges should be taken into consideration, was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour at Leeds Quarter Sessions for obtaining 10s. 6d. by false pretences.

John Robert Shattock, brass-founder, of Craswick-road, Acton, W., was fined £15 and costs at Marylebone, and his licence suspended for two months for driving a motor-car negligently in Portman-square, W., and knocking down a constable.

Capt. R. Q. F. Johnston, Mr. & Mrs. Ford Yull, Mr. & Mrs. F. W. Hill, Mr. C. Strafford, Mrs. S. Strafford, Mr. & Mrs. G. Manwaring and Mr. J. Cantor were among the passengers who sailed on the "Taiping" from Hong Kong to-day, bound for Manila and Australian ports.

Two forthcoming weddings were announced yesterday. The contracting parties will be Miss Margaret Parker Follett, of No. 47, Granville-road, Kowloon to Mr. Harold Edwin Gardner, of No. 6, Minden-Avenue, Kowloon; and Miss Dorothy Wiltshire, of No. 109, Wong-nai-cheong-road, to Mr. Jack Johnson, of Victoria Golf staff.

The Portuguese interport billiards team arrived from Shanghai yesterday on the "Empress of Asia." Passengers on board included Mr. W. F. K. Tiller, Mr. M. Botelho, Mr. R. Britto, Mr. G. Vilarigues, Mr. G. M. S. Remedios, Mr. S. del Rivero, Mr. J. Medina, Mr. A. M. Souza, Mr. F. A. Alvares, Mr. A. A. Silva, Mr. J. C. de Britto, Mr. L. R. Barrera, Dr. T. M. Wang and Mr. D. Timmins.

On the last day of the old Chinese year (January 22) a Chinese woman was attacked by a highwayman near King's College and relieved of a quantity of jewellery worth £175. The echo of the robbery was heard in Mr. R. E. Lindsell's Court at the Central Magistracy yesterday when the desperado was sentenced to nine months' hard labour and twenty strokes of the birch.

The first holder of the A.P.C. Scholarship at Oxford will be Mr. T. Z. Koo, a prominent Chinese Y.M.C.A. worker at Shanghai. The Scholarship has been established by the Asiatic Petroleum Company and is offered to a student from China to be sent to Oxford upon the selection of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Board of Directors. Mr. Koo is an Associate General Secretary of the National Committee of the Y.M.C.A., in special charge of student work. He visited Europe and America recently and made an

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[By "Rover."]

To-morrow's League football programme is as follows:—

Division I, kick-off 4.45 p.m.
 Club de Recreio v. Hong Kong F.C., King's Park, Referee: Mr. Barber.
 Kowloon v. Royal Artillery, Kowloon F.C. ground, Referee: Staff Sgt. Gilbert.
 Chinese Athletic v. 2nd K.O.S.B. Regt., H.K.F.C. ground, Referee: Mr. Smith.
 Police v. 1st Queen's Regt., St. Joseph's ground, Referee: Capt. Austin.
 Division II, Section "A," kick-off 2.45 p.m.
 Kowloon F.C. Reserves v. R.A. Reserves, Kowloon F.C. ground, Referee: Mr. Willis.
 Recreio Reserves v. 2nd K.O.S.B. Reserves, Recreio ground, Referee: Mr. Stokes.

With two good League matches at Kowloon, also two at Hong Kong, both sides of the harbour are well catered for and all four matches should produce very close results.

The Club and Recreio game at King's Park should be a good one with both Clubs anxious to secure full points and keep away from the tail of the League. Recreio have declined owing to injuries and lack of capable reserves and the same can be said of the Club, but both sides are trying reserves in to-morrow's match who have a good chance, if they come off, of remaining in the Senior XI.

It is hoped Recreio will play Gosano in his proper position, as centre-forward best fits this player, and Recreio only require to stiffen up their defence again to maintain their high standard. The Club will probably play Vickers for Scott (injured), the reserve player having done well in the position on a previous occasion, and Lyon and Punccheon may be needed in the defence.

Kowloon and the R.A. on the Kowloon ground should be a good match and the R.A. can be depended on thoroughly to extend the "Rebels" although the latter are now playing a fine game. Kowloon supporters will be in force on the Railway ground to welcome back their favourites after their fine display of last week.

The big match at Hong Kong will be at the Club ground, Valley, where the Borderers and the Athletic will meet for the fourth and probably the last time this season and the Borderers will be all out to secure the points, as they have owing to recent League successes made the runner-up position practically assured. Further the Athletic without Li Wai-koon, who is unlikely to play again this year, are not the aggressive force they were earlier in the season, and if the Borderers can hold the Athletic left wing they should win.

The Police and Queen's match should be a keen affair with the Police fielding a very determined and enthusiastic side and all the men keen on obtaining the premier honour in Hong Kong football this year. The Police progress has been most satisfactory and early in the season I predicted they would finish a strong side. This they are now

BILLIARDS.

PORTUGUESE INTERPORT PROGRAMME.

TWO BIG BREAKS.

Considerable interest is being shown in the Portuguese interport billiards match to be played next week. Hong Kong and Shanghai have each won once so far.

In the trial matches, last week H. da Luz (Hong Kong No. 2) made a break of 126 and C. F. Vas compiled 118.

The programme is as follows: All games at the Club Lusitano:—
 Monday, March 19, 6 p.m.: J. Medina (Shanghai) v. L. A. Osmund (Hong Kong).
 Tuesday, March 20, 6 p.m.: A. Silva (Shanghai) v. C. F. Vas (Hong Kong).
 Wednesday, March 21, 6 p.m.: A. A. Sousa (Shanghai) v. R. F. Luz (Hong Kong).
 Wednesday, March 21, 9 p.m.: L. R. Barrera (Shanghai) v. F. M. Cruz (Hong Kong).
 Thursday, March 22, 6 p.m.: F. A. Alvares (Shanghai) v. H. da Luz (Hong Kong).
 Friday, March 23, 6 p.m.: G. M. P. Remedios (captain) (Shanghai) v. A. J. Osmund (captain) (Hong Kong).

A special exhibition match has also been arranged between Mr. E. D. Bush and Mr. A. J. Osmund, for Tuesday, March 20, at 9.15 p.m. Mr. Bush is an attractive player and a good exponent of the "all round" game. He was runner-up in the Shanghai billiards championship, and his match with Osmund should be well worth watching.

Yesterday's Reception.
 The Shanghai team arrived yesterday on the "Empress of Asia" and is composed of the following:—
 G. M. P. Remedios (captain), F. A. Alvares, L. R. Barrera, F. Medina, S. del Rivero, A. A. Silva, A. A. Souza, and J. C. Britto (manager and secretary).

The visiting team were met by Mr. A. E. S. Alves, President of the Hong Kong Lusitano Billiards Association, Mr. E. D. da Rosa (hon. secretary of the Lusitano Club), Mr. A. J. Osmund (secretary of the Lusitano Billiards Association), Mr. J. C. Ribeiro (representing the Club de Recreio), Mr. G. Vas (representing the Catholic Union) and many others.

A reception was held in the Club Lusitano billiards room.

The Shanghai players practised on the local table last night and showed impressive form.

SCHOOL CRICKET.

D.B.S. AND SOME OLD BOYS.

On the school ground on Wednesday, the Diocesan Boys' School lost a cricket match to Mr. E. Zimmermann's XI by 43 runs. The winning side included nine "old boys".

Mr. Zimmermann's XI.
 S. V. Gittins, c. F. K. Lee, b. Anderson 15
 W. M. Hunt, c. and b. Kwan 30
 A. E. Lee, l.b.w. b. R. T. Lee 4
 A. T. Lee, c. R. T. Lee, b. Kwan 16
 B. H. Schreier, b. R. T. Lee 4
 E. Zimmermann, run out 10
 A. Hunt, b. R. T. Lee 14
 R. Leong, not out 18
 H. Braga, b. R. T. Lee 0
 S. Reed, b. R. T. Lee 2
 J. Hunt, b. Anderson 0
 Extras 15
 Total 129

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
 O. M. R. W.
 R. T. Lee 13 1 40 5
 Anderson 11 5 1 41 2
 Kwan 11 2 30 2

Innings of Diocesan Boys' School.
 D. J. N. Anderson, b. A. T. Lee 44
 W. H. Kwan, b. Gittins 9
 F. R. Zimmermann, b. Gittins 3
 J. L. Young Saye, l.b.w. b. Gittins 0
 R. T. Lee, b. A. T. Lee 0
 G. A. Lee, b. A. T. Lee 0
 F. K. Lee, b. A. T. Lee 5
 A. Prata, c. W. M. Hunt, b. E. A. Lee 5
 Pong Pun-fong, c. A. Hunt, b. A. T. Lee 0
 A. T. Lee 0
 F. Shiraee, b. A. T. Lee 8
 H. Jackson, not out 0
 Total 86

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
 O. M. R. W.
 A. T. Lee 11 1 33 6
 E. A. Lee 11 2 28 8
 W. M. Hunt 5 0 11 0
 Gittins 4 1 9 3

CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Latest positions in the Colony's chess championship, which has been won by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., are as follows:—

Sir Henry Pollock 11 10 0 10
 C. H. Sequeira 10 7 2 18
 S. L. Hussain 11 7 2 8
 D. E. Carvalho 9 7 0 27
 H. W. Randall 11 0 0 0
 C. E. Wong 11 0 0 0
 G. Choa 11 4 2 5
 S. G. Kumble 11 4 0 7
 A. N. Other 10 3 1 6 3/4
 J. C. Faers 10 2 1 7 2/4
 A. W. Hawker 10 2 0 8
 J. S. Smith 11 1 2 8 2

LAWN BOWLS.

A HONG KONG RINK AT SINGAPORE.

A NARROW SHAVE.

Singapore, March 8.
 Among passengers proceeding Home on the P. & O. s.s. "Macedonia" are a number of enthusiastic lawn bowls players from Hong Kong. The night before Singapore was reached, the suggestion was made that, if possible, a friendly game should be arranged with Singapore bowlers.

The Hong Kong bowlers got into touch with Mr. Stuart Clark, the secretary of the Singapore Cricket Club, with a view to arranging a game.

The Secretary of the Singapore Cricket Club immediately fell in with the suggestion, and thanks to his efforts, a game was fixed up. A Singapore team was hurriedly raised in the interim, and the bowling green was at once placed at the disposal of the Hong Kong visitors, who, by the way, desire to place on record their sincere thanks and appreciation for the courtesy and hospitality extended to them by the Singapore Cricket Club, and they hope at a future date, to extend the same hospitality at Hong Kong.

The Game.

The game was played on one rink yesterday and very even teams met, despite the hurried arrangements. The contest was most keen, and although Hong Kong won, it was not until the last end that they obtained the honours of the encounter by the narrow margin of one "shot".

The final score read:—Hong Kong 11; Singapore 10.

This indicates the standard of play. Singapore had the advantage of knowing their green, and Hong Kong were suffering from a lack of knowledge of it, an exceptionally hot day, and lack of practice with the "woods" for several months, at least. On the other hand, the Hong Kong team included at least two former interport players, and as the whole side were enthusiastic exponents of the art of lawn bowls, the teams were fairly evenly matched.

The greens were placed at the disposal of the Hong Kong visitors again to-day (Thursday), but the Sun has won, the Hong Kongites preferring a "stinger" or a "long one" at Raffles to trundling the "wood" on the second and last day in "port".

As the score indicates, the game was keenly contested. At the beginning, however, it appeared as if Hong Kong would secure "a run-away" victory. Hong Kong opened in fine style, and at the 10th head the score Hong Kong, 9; Singapore, 1. Then the hosts began to creep up, having found their "bearings", and levelled the scores, until it stood at 9-9. From then on there was never more than one shot scored on any "head". It was not until the 21st head was reached, that Hong Kong gained the victory and then only by the one "shot".

The Teams.

The respective teams and scores were:—

Hong Kong.
 No. 1 W. Bell (Talkoo Club).
 No. 2 B. Bell (Talkoo Club).
 No. 3 R. E. Maughan (C.S.C.C.).
 Skip G. Morrison (Talkoo Club).
 Score: 11.

Singapore C.C.
 No. 1 Evans.
 No. 2 McIntyre.
 No. 3 Gray.
 Skip Bowerman.
 Score 10.

—A.C.V.

HAPPY VALLEY GOLF.

In the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, Junior section, Adamson Cup, played from March 2 to 13 at Happy Valley, A. J. W. Dorling qualified with a score of 86—20—36.

Other scores were:—F. G. James, 86—18—63; T. Young, 92—24—68; J. Stewart 86—16—71; E. M. Hanlon, 96—24—72.
 There were ten entries.

RIFLE LEAGUE.

The following is the present positions of the Clubs in the Hong Kong Rifle League:—

Fired. W. L. Pts.
 1. H.M.S. "Argus" 10 8 2 16
 2. Scots Guards 8 7 1 14
 3. H.M.S. "Tamar" 8 6 2 12
 4. Talkoo Rifle Club 8 6 2 12
 5. H.M.S. "Carlisle" 9 5 4 10
 1st Queen's Regt. 7 3 4 6
 Dockyard Rifle Club 6 2 4 4
 R.A.G. Corps 6 1 7 2
 Hong Kong Police 8 0 3 2
 2nd K.O.S. Borderers 3 0 3 0
 R.A.F. (Kai Tak) 6 0 6 0

Millwall F.C. have transferred A. Caswell, outside left, to Chatham. He formerly played for Weymouth.

Several well-known University runners were included in the Old Carthusians team which beat Charthouse School at Godalming, in a 5½-mile cross-country match, with a total of 46 points against the school's 98 points.

FAMOUS GOLFERS.

THEIR DISTINGUISHING TRICKS.

CHAMPIONS' WAGGLES.

Golf seems to develop in many people little mannerisms which distinguish them all through their golfing lives. Harry Vardon in his heyday used to have the knack of turning in the nose of the club just before he began the upswing. When first told of this Harry strongly scouted the idea, but later had to plead guilty. However, the habit is not so strongly pronounced now-a-days, but that twisting of the right foot on the teeing ground while addressing the ball still remains with him.

Vardon and Taylor.

Of course, Vardon is one who uses his feet and legs a good deal and has to have a good grip of the turf. On the other hand, when J. H. Taylor first played in championships, he had no nails in his boot soles, but had iron protectors.

Taylor has one funny little way. After taking a club he will make as if to address the ball: meantime, his left foot is raised slightly in the air. Just as we think that the foot will go down and settle into place, Taylor comes away from the ball, has another look at the line, possibly takes a short practice swing and after all that, tackles the stroke without any fuss or hesitation.

Braid's Little Trick.

Taylor and Vardon made a great combination, one that was always just too good for their old friends and Scottish adversaries, James Braid and Sandy Herd.

James Braid, that big genial Scot who lives at Walton where the heather grows, has one little trick in the address. At the very last waggles James, as he is affectionately known, passes the club right across the ball. He then draws it back and begins the swing while his club-head is actually on the move. Nine people out of ten, of course, ground their club-head before commencing the swing.

Sandy Herd's waggle and dance are too well known to need description, while Abe Mitchell invariably takes a short practice swing before each shot, but he has the happy knack of falling into position quicker than most professionals. Always he plants the right foot down first and, after one short shuffle and only one waggle, crashes the ball straight down the fairway.

George Duncan.

George Duncan is another who finds his feet quickly. He too, may take a very short practice swing before playing, and often he will give his iron a twiddle round, but I have never seen him try the shot over as many other first-class players do.

Cyril Tolley sways his body a trifle as the club-head moves, in the address, but Roger Wethered keeps perfectly still, although his right hand opens and shuts each time the club is soled in the address. He seldom takes a preliminary swing even with his favourite cleek, with which he drives immense distances.

Dr. Tweddell's Surprise.

Dr. Tweddell, the amateur champion moves both feet right out of their original position just before hitting the ball. Once, when playing some practice iron shots at Hoylake, he moved his feet too soon and struck the ball on the socket of the iron, much to his surprise.

Robert Harris likes to twist his club round in his hands before addressing the ball, a similar trick to that of Major Charles Hezlet.

Bobby Jones usually selects his own irons, and he likes to play quickly, so that practice swings are in his case not often necessary. But if he has to wait on a tee he will swing the club very quietly and delicately. He takes a very light grip of the club, and always tees his own ball, as does Abe Mitchell.

Miss Joyce Wethered.

Miss Joyce Wethered, before beginning the swing, presses the club-head down behind the ball and then pushes her hands forward towards the green to which she is driving. And just before the club-head starts, the right foot seems to take a firmer grip of the turf.

Archie Compston is something like J. H. Taylor. Often he will address the ball, come away from it, and then return to attack it again; and even then he will sometimes change his club after we had thought he would strike the ball.—Ex.

Sir James Croft (Eton and Brazenose), coxswain in 1926 and 1927, has unexpectedly come into residence at Oxford again and has taken the place of G. V. Stopford (Radley and New College) as cox in the Oxford boat.

BOLTING FOOD.

4 COURSES IN 10 MINUTES.

UNIVERSITY MEALS.

Considerable interest has been aroused at Oxford and Cambridge by the statement of Mr. Charles A. Hecht, hon. secretary of the Joint Schools and Hospital Matrons Committee, that:

The food provided for students at the older and residential universities is in a large measure unsuitable. It is conventional, deadly dull, and monotonous. Ill-balanced, unscientifically cooked, unappetisingly served, and indigestible.

College authorities complain that undergraduates bolt their food in a hurry to get to games or a cinema, and do not appreciate the pains taken to give them a variety of food. "There are nearly 300 dishes from which they can choose on our list," a "Daily Mail" reporter was told at one Cambridge college.

Views of graduates are: Oriel, Oxford.—Undergraduates came in for dinner at 7.30 p.m., and in ten minutes consumed 4 courses. Everyone grumbled at the food, but really it was quite good.

Somerville, Oxford.—Meals are unimaginatively planned at the Oxford women's colleges, and unappetisingly served.

Trinity, Cambridge.—It is difficult to complain about the quality of the food, but the hours are awkward, and meals have to be rushed to keep any evening appointment.

£1,000 CAT.

POPULARITY OF LONG-HAIRED SIAMESE.

Big and little cats, cats with long fluffy coats and others that looked as if they had been shingled were to be seen at the Southern Counties Cat Club championship show at Kentish Town Baths.

But the old-fashioned tabby cat, the freckled friend of many a home, was hard to find. He is fast going out of favour, and in his place has come a foreign invader from Siam. This tiny creature, with coat of black and gold, is the most popular at most of the shows.

One of this long-haired, blue-coated family, Dion of Allington, belonging to Miss Langston, of Maidenhead, carried off eight prizes and was declared champion of all the champions in the show.

Miss Langston said to a reporter that she would not take £1,000 for the cat, which makes him worth about £40 an ounce.

STANDARD TIME.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong during March, according to the standard time of the 120th meridian east of Greenwich, is as follows:—

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
March 16	6.32	6.33
17	6.31	6.33
18	6.30	6.33
19	6.29	6.34
20	6.27	6.34
21	6.27	6.35
22	6.26	6.36
23	6.25	6.36
24	6.24	6.36
25	6.23	6.36
26	6.22	6.37
27	6.21	6.37
28	6.20	6.37
29	6.19	6.37
30	6.18	6.38
31	6.17	6.38

"One-Mile Tree," a famous river-side landmark at Kingston, has become so dangerous that it has been encircled with a chain and its hollows filled with concrete.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Yesterday.	Paris	New York	Brussels	Geneva	Amsterdam	Milan	Berlin	Stockholm	Copenhagen	Oslo	Vienna	Prague	Helsingfors	Madrid	Lisbon	Athens	Bucharest	Rio	Buenos Aires	Bombay	Shanghai	Hong Kong	Yokohama	Silver Spot	Silver Forward
124	4.87	27/32	35	25.34	12.12 1/2	92.40	20.41	18.18	18.21	18.32	34.64 1/2	164 1/2	198 1/2	29.02 1/2	1 15/16	86 7/8	78 1/2	5 59/64	47 1/2	1/6 1/64	2/6 1/8	2/0 1/2	1/11 3/32	26 5/16	26 1/2

—British Wireless Service.

MONEY & SHARES.

TO-DAY QUOTATIONS.

On London—

Bank wire 2/- 3/4
 Bank on demand 2/- 8/10
 Bank 30 days' sight 2/- 1/2
 Bank 4 months' sight 2/- 1/2
 Credit 4 months' sight 2/1 1/2
 Documentary 4 months' sight 2/1 1/2

On Paris—

On demand 1245
 Credits 4 months' sight 1820

On Berlin—

On demand
 On New York—

On demand 40 1/2
 Credits 60 days' sight 50 1/2

On Bombay—

Wire 184 1/2
 On demand 184 1/2

On Calcutta—

Wire 184 1/2
 On demand 184 1/2

On Singapore—

On demand 87
 On Manila—

On demand 98 1/2
 On Shanghai—

On demand 78 1/2
 30 day's sight (private paper)
 On Yokohama—

On demand 104 1/2
 Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)
 Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) 9.00
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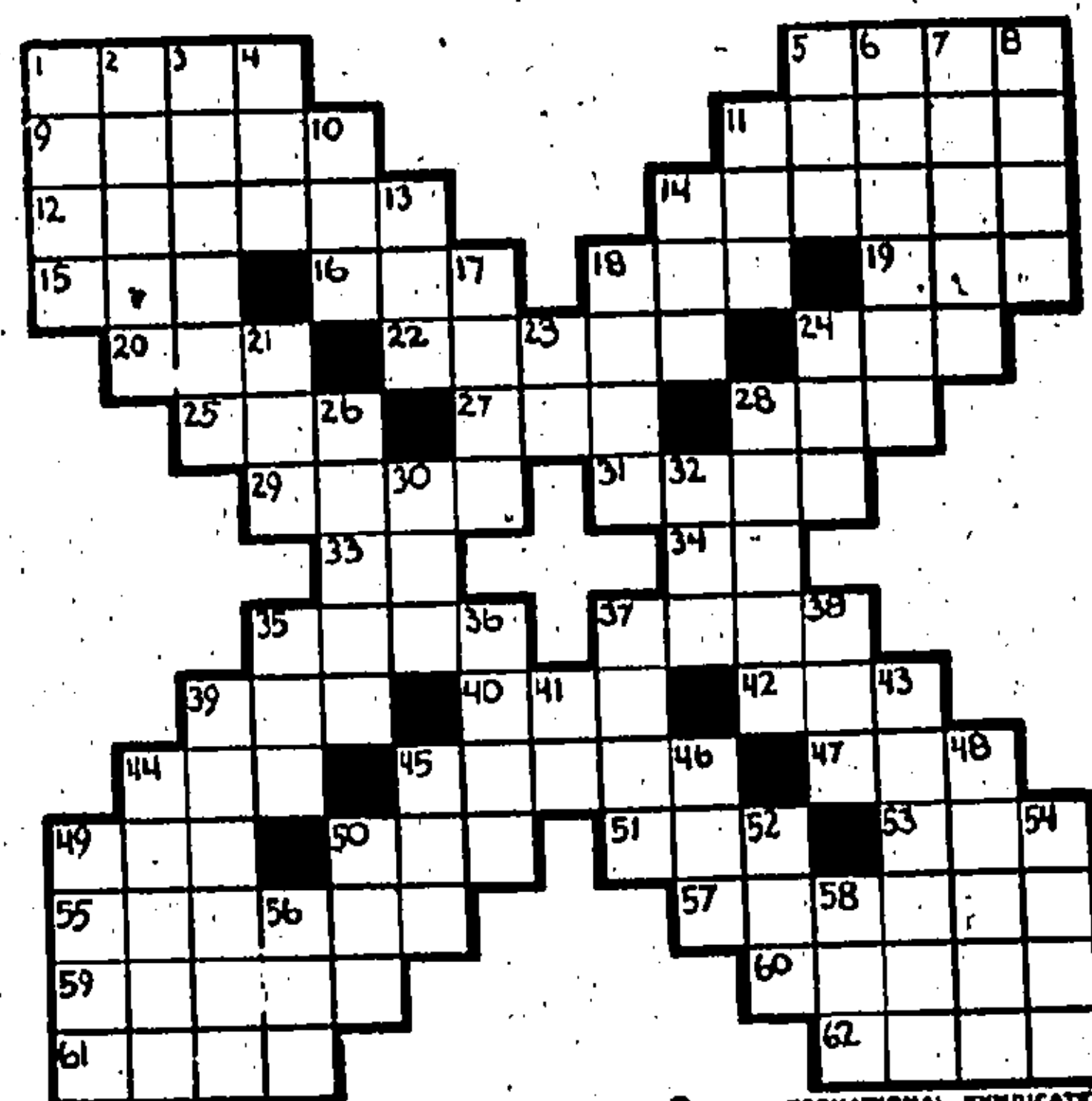
Kcag 3% prem.
 Chinese Copper Cash nom.
 Chinese Copper Cents 6% prem
 Rate of Native Interest 7% p.a.
 Chinese Sub. Coin 30 1/4% dis.
 Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.

THE SHARE MARKET.

Stock	Hong Kong.	Stock Exchange.
T.T. on London	2 1/2	3/4
T.T. on Shanghai	78 3/16	
Banks.		
Hongkong Bank	1245 1/2	1240 1/2
do. Lon. Reg.	130	n
Chartered Bank	321 1/2	b
Mercantile A. & B.	333 1/2	n
do. (C)	314 1/2	n
P & O. Bank	39 1/2	n
Bank of East Asia	72 1/2	b
Insurance.		
Canton Insurance	675	b
Union Insurance	332	b
North China Insurance	714 1/2	b
Yangtze Insurance	1340 1/2	b
China Underwriters	220	n
China Fire Insurance	321 1/2	n
H.K. Fire Insurance	374 1/2	b
Shipping.		
Douglas	341 1/2	n
H.K. Steamboats	329 1/2	23 1/2 a
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	1240	n
Indo-China (Prof)	35	n
do. (Def.)	345 1/2	n
Shell Transports	90 1/2	n
Water-Boats	320 1/2	n
Shining.		
Benguet	22 1/2	n
Kailan Mining Ad.	0 1/2	n
Langkate (Combined)	710	n
do. (Single)	77	n
Shanghai Explorations	32 1/2	n
Shanghai Loans	36 1/2	n
Railways	34 1/2	n
Trench Mines	17 1/2	b
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.		
H.K. & K. Wharves	140 1/2	b & n
H.K. & W. Docks	48 1/2	n
China Provident	30 3/4	6 1/2 a
Hongkong	116 1/2	b
New Engineering	34 1/2	n
Shanghai Docks	101 1/2	n
Cotton Mills.		
Ewo Cottons	39 7/10	b & div.
Oriental Cottons	32 1/2	8.25 a
Shai Cottons (Old)	0	n
do. (new		

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Accomplished
5-Arrow
9-Musical entertainment
11-Nicer
12-Part of stairs (pl.)
14-Quibble
16-Emmet
18-Rap
19-Farm container
20-Sheltered side
22-Scraped with the forefoot
24-Came together
25-An age
27-Meadow
28-Exalted
29-Story
31-Lane
33-Musical note
34-Near
35-Provide for
37-Simmer
39-Possessive
40-Period of time
42-A color

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 44-Equivalence
46-Rings loudly
47-Short sleep
48-Rodent
50-Part of the head
51-Follow closely
53-Paste
56-To the rear
57-Move back and forth
59-Cut off
60-Water fowl
61-Separate
62-Former allowance for waste

VERTICAL

- 1-Girl's name
2-Think
3-Cuddle
4-Before
5-Tunnel
6-Sharp corners
7-Subtle
8-Woody plant
10-Science
11-Agitate
13-Undermine
14-Secured

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 17-Wan
18-Fur-bearing animal
21-Parcel of ground
23-Ue
24-Angry
26-Cognome
28-A liquid
30-Falsehood
32-A grain
35-Distant
36-Wild animal
37-A mineral
38-A growth
39-Dealer in headgear
43-Kind of knife
44-High Turkish official
45-Flat dish
46-Carpenter's tool
48-Any throbbing
49-File
50-Sin
52-Two wheeled vehicle
54-Become acquainted
55-Corrode
58-Obtain

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will give you a clue to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

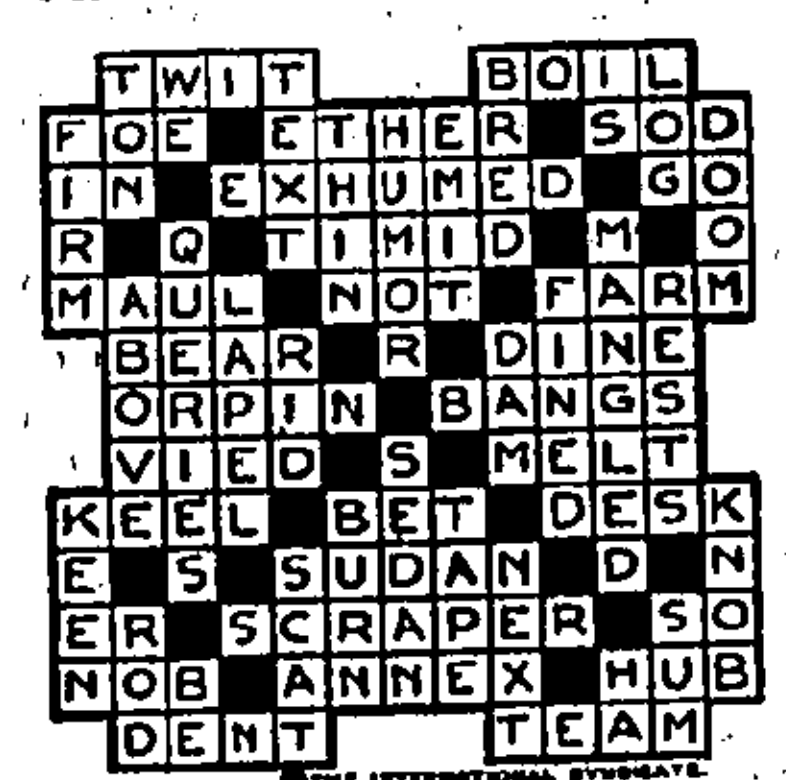
(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

CINE NOTES.

"Sunya," the latest Gloria Swanson production, was selected for the initial film presentation at the Roxy in New York. This latest film of Gloria Swanson is of a higher class and more suitable than any in which the American star has appeared for some time. Miss Swanson appears younger than ever in the role of a wondering girl who eventually weds for love. But a clever excuse in the form of a crystal globe gives her the opportunity to show her wonderful talent as a temperamental opera singer and the neglected wife of a banker. Besides being an interesting picture, the lighting and photographic work are unusually good and a credit to Albert Parker, who directed it. John Boles plays the part of the lover. He is attractive, but not entirely convincing. Several amateur players, as Raymond Hackett, who plays Sunya's brother, and André de Segura, who plays the former Metropolitan star, who is the wicked impresario, have proved excellent screen types. Florella Fairbanks, is good in a small role. This is her first bow to the screen.

Estelle Taylor, Mrs. Jack Dempsey, has returned to the films. On her marriage to the then heavy-weight champion boxer, she was granted twelve months "marriage vacation," although she was still held by contract with First National Company. The film which will herald her return is a sensational and original story called "The Whip Woman." Hollywood filmdom has given a warm welcome to the return. The moving picture "Love Me And The World Is Mine," produced

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



by the Universal Film Company, has been received with keen interest in Vienna. Although staged by an American company on the other side of the ocean, what one sees on the screen is truest Vienna. The story has been taken from a book of Rudolf Hans Bartsch, the famous Austrian novelist, which is entitled "Hannerl and her Lovers," and Ewald André Dupont gave it the genuine Viennese air. In Austrian film-land the first night, attended by a smart invited public, was an event of the first rank. "Love Me And The World Is Mine" has also been shown in Paris at the Omnia Pathé.

Sidney Olcott, who directed Rudolph Valentino's greatest success, "Monsieur Beaucaire," is going to England as chief director of the new company, the British Lion Film Corporation. Although considered an American director, Mr. Olcott is an Irishman. Mr. Edgar Wallace is chairman of the new company and Mr. S. W. Smith, formerly of the Napoleon Films Ltd., no longer existing—is managing director. Lord Woodhouse and Sir Edward Fletcher are also on the board of directors.

MUSIC • DRAMA • FILMS.

MOVIE USHERING.

VOCATION WITH A FUTURE.

SPECIAL SCHOOLS.

Movie theatre ushering has become a vocation in these days of "palaces" and "cathedrals" of the silver screen. Attendants are no longer an inconspicuous, incidental part of the mechanism of the movie house. An essential element in the decoration are the figures that stand about, statuesquely, primed for service.

The uniforms they wear to-day have considerable to do with the new effect, but the uniforms alone do not make these men. They snap and their air are the result of a required course of training. The material with which the training school works is handpicked for manners and looks and then drilled into the desired shape.

One of Broadway's biggest movie houses, employing hundreds of attendants, has on its staff a former top sergeant of the army, whose duty it is to put the new recruits through their initial paces. Under his instruction, they learn how ushers should hold themselves, how they should walk. Between lessons in military deportment are lectures on courtesy and service. Supposedly scientific methods of seating spectators have been devised and with these the embryo ushers must be made familiar. These systems, they find later, do not always work acceptably to the patrons. But when attendants are taught how to handle human beings, they tend, it is held, to a more efficient filling of theatres.

The importance of clothes to the usher's job is recognized. A tailor is employed in the locker section to keep uniforms mended, cleaned and pressed. Each usher receives two suits when he goes on the job, one for daytime and one for evening wear. Every usher is required to take a shower bath daily before entering upon his duties. His shoes must be kept polished.

To many attendants their job represents no more than a living. Some are college students using their spare time to finance their courses. Beginners are reminded of the possibility that some day they may become house managers. The house manager of a leading Broadway movie theatre came up through the ranks, having got his first promotion through a film critic's mention of his courtesy.

HOW DO WE LISTEN?

Place of Emotion in Music.

When we speak of the place of emotion in music the matter can be taken as having two aspects. The first, the emotion flowing from the composer and animating his music; the second, the emotion felt by the hearer in listening to that music. It may be urged that the second is dependent on the first, but it does not require much reflection to discover that this is not necessarily so. It is not difficult for a musician acquainted with well-tryed effects and clichés of one sort or another to concoct with tongue in cheek a composition which may have upon the musically inexperienced quite a strong emotional effect.

However, this is entering upon a side-track. An interesting issue, and one that has been the subject of a more or less systematic investigation in Europe lately, is raised indirectly by recent references in this column to the manner of music's appeal to the listener. It would appear to be the general belief that in any good composition two distinct qualities are present to impress the hearer: emotional content, and technical skill; and that their appeal is—or should be—in that order. The matter is, however, not quite so simple. In the first place the extent of the listener's musical knowledge and perception will have an appreciable bearing upon it. Obviously one man may, thanks to greater musical development, see a score of beauties where another would see scarce one.

But take for inquiry purposes an hypothetical music-lover of experience, good taste, and knowledge. Can it be said that he will react to certain musical compositions invariably along the same lines each time he hears them—that, according to his nature, he will either thrill to their beauty in the first place or be impressed primarily by their cleverness? To assert that would be fallacious.

The musical person will react to a composition of consequence in different ways at different times. That is not saying merely that a bad liver may modify his powers of appreciation. Nor does it mean that at different times he feels differently about the essential significance or value of the music. Different hearings may not alter his conviction that Beethoven's "Egmont" Overture is a work of outstanding dramatic fire and passion, but it is more than likely that different aspects of Beethoven's treatment will pre-occupy him at different hearings. It may happen at one time that his excited mood is in such exact accord with Beethoven's music that he will fling himself, as it were, into the emotional and dramatic current and make his way onward and upward with it, lost to all else but exultation. Let him hear the work at a time when he is slightly less "wrought up," when he can, so to speak, keep it at arm's length; and, while he preserves a very keen awareness of and warm love for the music's stirring power, he may listen, a little more objectively. His mind might then travel in some such sequence as the following: How well this overture drives to the heart of Goethe's drama!—Beethoven's characteristic use of dynamic contrasts again—what superb effects he can get from them—there, at that point, is a fine use of the woodwind—who was it said Beethoven was not a genius of the orchestra?—weak-bent accents, how Beethoven loved them.

On yet another occasion one of these considerations, or still a further one, might occupy his attention predominantly. But at the same time there will be within him an awareness of, and response to, the power of the whole as well as the power of the part. To attempt reproduction by medium of the written word of mind and feeling processes such as these, subtly mingled as they generally are, and variable, is a difficult task

NICOLAS MEDTNER.

Composer and Pianist.

It is now definitely known that Nicolas Medtner is to make his first appearance in London next month. This is welcome news, for while he is very little known in England, by many, he is considered one of the most interesting of living composers. Those who are acquainted with his compositions like to compare him to Brahms or Hugo Wolf or other German composers of the 19th century, but it would be well to refrain from all comparisons and try to appreciate his music for its own sake. Medtner is first and foremost a chamber music composer, since he has written only one orchestral work—a piano concerto as yet not heard in England. He has written many works for the piano, eleven sonatas and about thirty shorter pieces, to the majority of which he gives the romantic title of "Fairy Tales." In these he reveals himself a great personality. He writes on broad lines and always works up to big climaxes. His melodies are outstanding, clear, and beautiful, his rhythms intricate, his harmonies modern and complex, and it is characteristic of Medtner, that he always emerges with the utmost ease from the most extraneous keys and complicated tonal situations.

A Great Song Writer.

He has written a few notable works for the violin, of which the most interesting appears to be the 2nd Sonata, a recent work and heard in London at a recital last November. But Medtner is at his best in his songs, of which he has written nearly a hundred. Some of them are set to Russian words, and others to German (most of them have English translations), and his choice of words is always fastidious. The songs are written in a great variety of moods. Some of them may be extremely gloomy, but are never dull. Their rich beauty grows on the listener, and if some of them appear difficult to the average singer and accompanist, they are well worth mastering. It is remarkable that hardly any of these exquisite songs have found their way to the London concert-room, as almost any of them would give a cachet to a programme, and many could not fail to create a sensation. Such would be "Evocation," op. 29, No. 7, or "Remembrance," op. 32, No. 2, or the wonderful "Elegie," op. 45, No. 1, or the joyful "Muse," op. 29, No. 1, and many others, each of these a veritable poem in music. His "Sonata Vocalise" has attracted the attention of several London concert-givers by its novelty, but it has not the interest of his other works for the voice.

Medtner's music is complicated and its meaning not directly obvious to all on the first hearing, but those who have learnt to appreciate its charm never tire of it for it possesses a captivating vitality and great strength. One feels from the first that Medtner has mastered his art and knows precisely how to express what he has to say. There is nothing in his music that is out of date, yet he stands apart from most contemporary channels of musical thought and continues to work on classical lines. He is yet one more great pillar of classical music.

and perhaps hardly a useful one. In regard to the "Egmont" Overture, I have relied upon hypothesis only partly, since the reaction to this work of one obviously something of a musician was recorded in the recent inquiry I have mentioned. The point calling for recognition, as I see it, is that such reactions by musical people are not the simple, hard-and-fast, and readily definable things sometimes supposed, and that inquiries as to how music appeals—or, inversely, how men and women react to music—are by these factors very greatly complicated.—"Fidelio."

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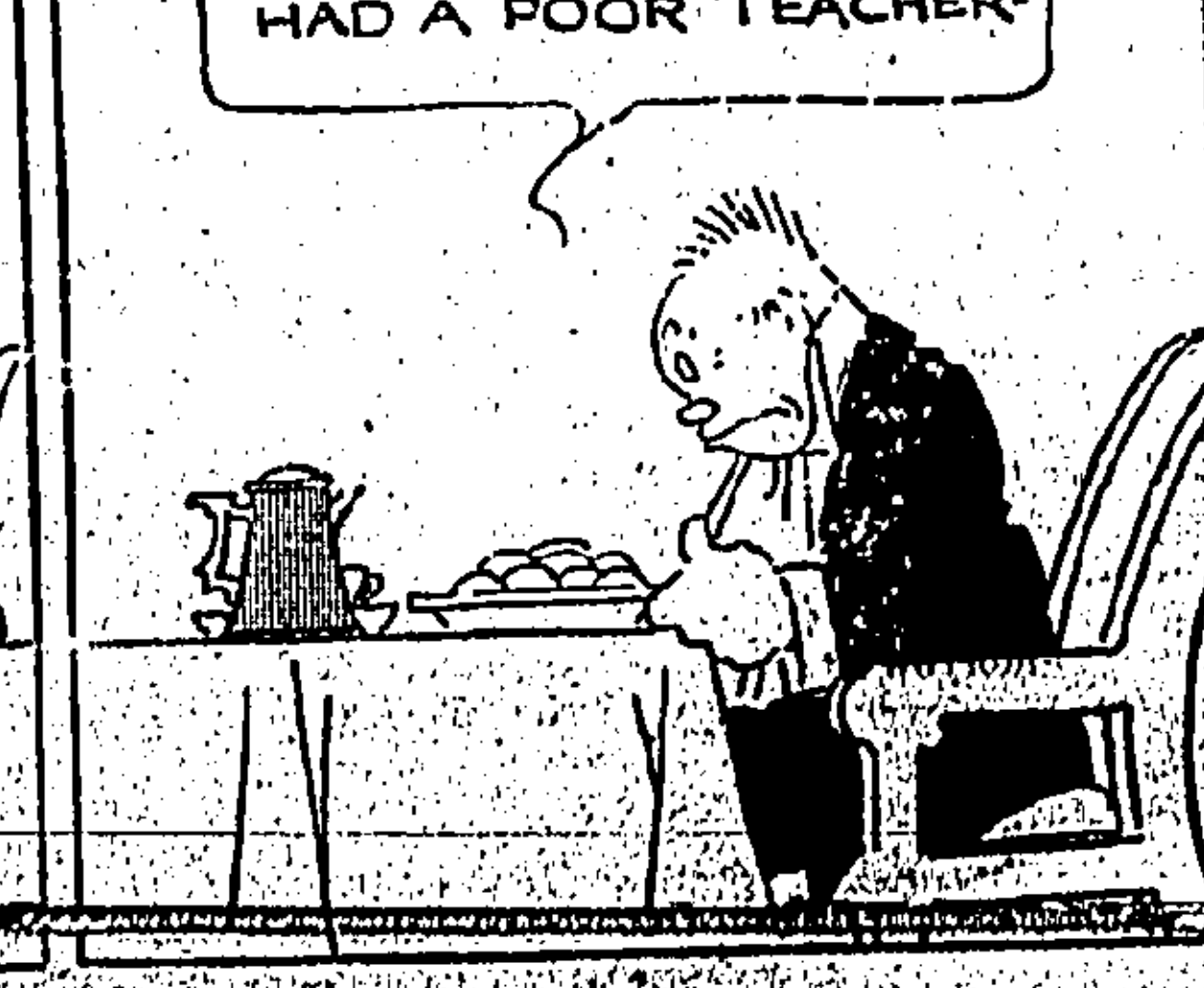


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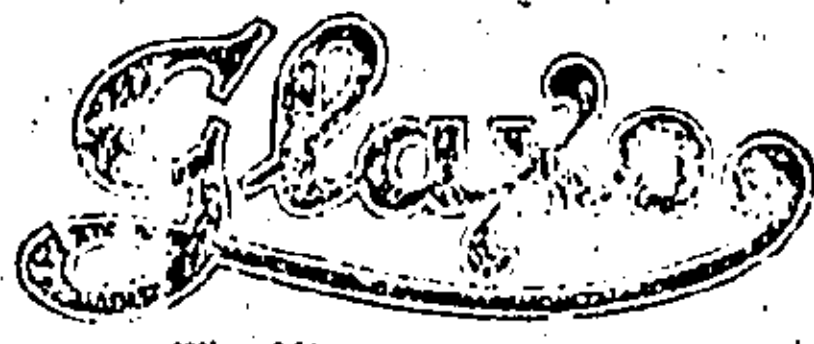
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CORPS ORDERS FOR THIS WEEK.

ANNUAL RIFLE MEETING.

Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps orders for the week, issued to-day by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant, are as follows:—

Equipment.
Os. C. Units will collect all leather pouches and return them to stores at Volunteer Headquarters, as soon as possible.

Corps Rifle Meeting.
The dates and order of events will be as follows:—

Sunday, April 8, 1928:—Blake Shield, Francis Cup, Jar Competition, Plate Competition and Attack Competition.

Monday, April 9, 1928:—Corps Championship and Tyro Competition, Musketry Competition, Reserves Cup, and Lewis Gun Competition. Revolver Competition both days.

Entrance fees. All individual events \$1 per man per competition, other events 50 cents per man, with the exception of Revolver Competition (unlimited entries) for which the fee is 20 cents per entry, made on the range.

Intending competitors must send in their names, accompanied by entrance fees, not later than Monday, April 2, 1928, to the Hon. Secretary, Rifle Meeting, Volunteer Headquarters.

The Battery.

The Battery will parade for instruction at 5.25 p.m. on Thursday, the 22nd inst. It is expected of all members that they will make a special effort to attend the remaining drills of this season.

Field Section.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21, for General Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

Signals.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, March 22, for Signal Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

Armoured Car Company.

Machine Gunners will parade at Corps Headquarters, at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, March 19, for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

Car Section. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, March 19, for formation run and Machine Gun Firing.

Motor Cycle Section: Monday, March 19. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for instruction. Thursday, March 22. Special Class will parade at Corps Headquarters.

quarters at 5.30 p.m. for instruction under Lieut. J. E. Hancock.

Infantry Company.

No. 1 Platoon: Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday, March 20 and 23, for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

No. 2 Platoon: Parade at Corps Headquarters on Tuesday, March 20, for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

Scottish Company.

Sunday, March 18, 1928: Triangular shoot between 2nd Batta. Scots Guards, 2nd Batta. K.O.S.B., and Scottish Company, H.K.V.D.C., kindly arranged by Mr. R. M. Dyer will take place at Stonecutters.

Scottish Company team will be:—Sergt. Cuthill, Sergt. Young, Lieut. Sergt. Goodman, Corpl. D. Lyon, Ptes. Stopani-Thomson, McLennan, Maxwell and Boulton. Reserve: Piper G. Nisbet.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. calling at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress for competitors: Glen-garry, khaki tunic, kilt, sporran, diced hose, flashes, spats, belt, frog, braces and pouches.

Dress for visitors: Uniform as above (with belt frog and bayonet only) or mufti optional.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, March 16, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.; and on Saturday, March 17, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Portuguese Company.

There will be no parade on Friday, March 16. Next Company parade on Friday, March 23, at 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters for practices at Kennedy Road Range and Miniature Range. Dress: Drill order. Rifle and bayonet.

Sunday, March 18: N.C.O.'s and Nos. 1 and 2 of Lewis Gun Sections parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 a.m. to draw Lewis Gun and ammunition for practices at Kennedy Road Range.

Riflemen detailed by C.S.M. to parade Kennedy Road Range at 10.30 a.m. for rapid fire practice.

Tuesday, March 20: N.C.O.'s and Nos. 1 and 2 of Lewis Gun Sections parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Lewis Gun Instruction.

Reserve Company.

Musketry Part I. Table "T" will fire at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, March 25, 1928.

Strength.

The following recruit is taken on the strength on March 6, 1928, and posted to No. 10 Platoon:—No. 1307 Pte. G. O. Danenberg.

Transfers.

No. 285 S.Q.M.S. D. Davis is transferred from the Reserve Com-

pang to the Medical Section, as from March 9, 1928.

No. 1141 Pte. A. W. Hay-Edie is transferred from M.I. Company to the Lights Section, as from March 10, 1928.

No. 717 Pte. H. E. Strange is transferred from the Reserve Company to the Medical Section, as from March 13, 1928.

Promotion.

No. 235 S.Q.M.S. D. Davies, Medical Section, is promoted to Company-Sergeant-Major, as from March 9, 1928.

Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—Capt. T. Addis Martin, from March 16 to April 8, 1928.

No. 699 Spr. C. Strange, Field Section, from April 14, 1928, to February 13, 1929.

No. 1087 L/Cpl. T. W. Southam, A.C. Co., six months' extension of leave, from April 1 to September 30, 1928.

No. 732 Sergt. W. E. Price, The Battery, from March 15 to April 14, 1928.

No. 1174 Gr. G. Fairman, The Battery, from March 29 to December 28, 1928.

No. 1024 Pte. B. S. Stephenson, M.I. Co., from April 1, 1928, to March 31, 1929.

No. 850 Pte. J. L. Andams, Reserve Co., from March 9, 1928, till return to the Colony.

No. 1283 Pte. Lee Yuk Him, Medical Section, from March 13 to April 2, 1928.

No. 427 L/Sgt. G. Punccheon, The Battery, from March 24 to December 23, 1928.

With reference to Corps Order No. 320 para. 11, dated March 9, 1928, the resignation of No. 424 Pte. D. McCallum, A.C. Co., is cancelled and granted him six months' leave, from March 10 to September 30, 1928.

Resignations.

Having left the Colony:—No. 1114 Pte. F. J. Easterbrook, Reserve Co., as from March 6, 1928;

No. 290 Pte. W. Hyde, No. 6 Platoon, as from March 16, 1928; No. 768 L/Cpl. G. B. Slipper, Signals, as from March 8, 1928; No. 1110 Pte. A. A. Barros, No. 10 Platoon, as from March 10, 1928; No. 1265 Gr. J. H. Marshall, The Battery, as from March 12, 1928; No. 818 Pte. J. K. Milward, Reserve Co., as from April 14, 1928.

Having completed three years' service and claimed their discharge:—No. 715 Corpl. W. Elliott, Reserve Co., as from March 1, 1928; No. 610 Pte. N. Evans, Reserve Co., as from March 1, 1928; No. 676 Spr. P. C. Morgan, Engineer Co., Field Sec., as from March 1, 1928.

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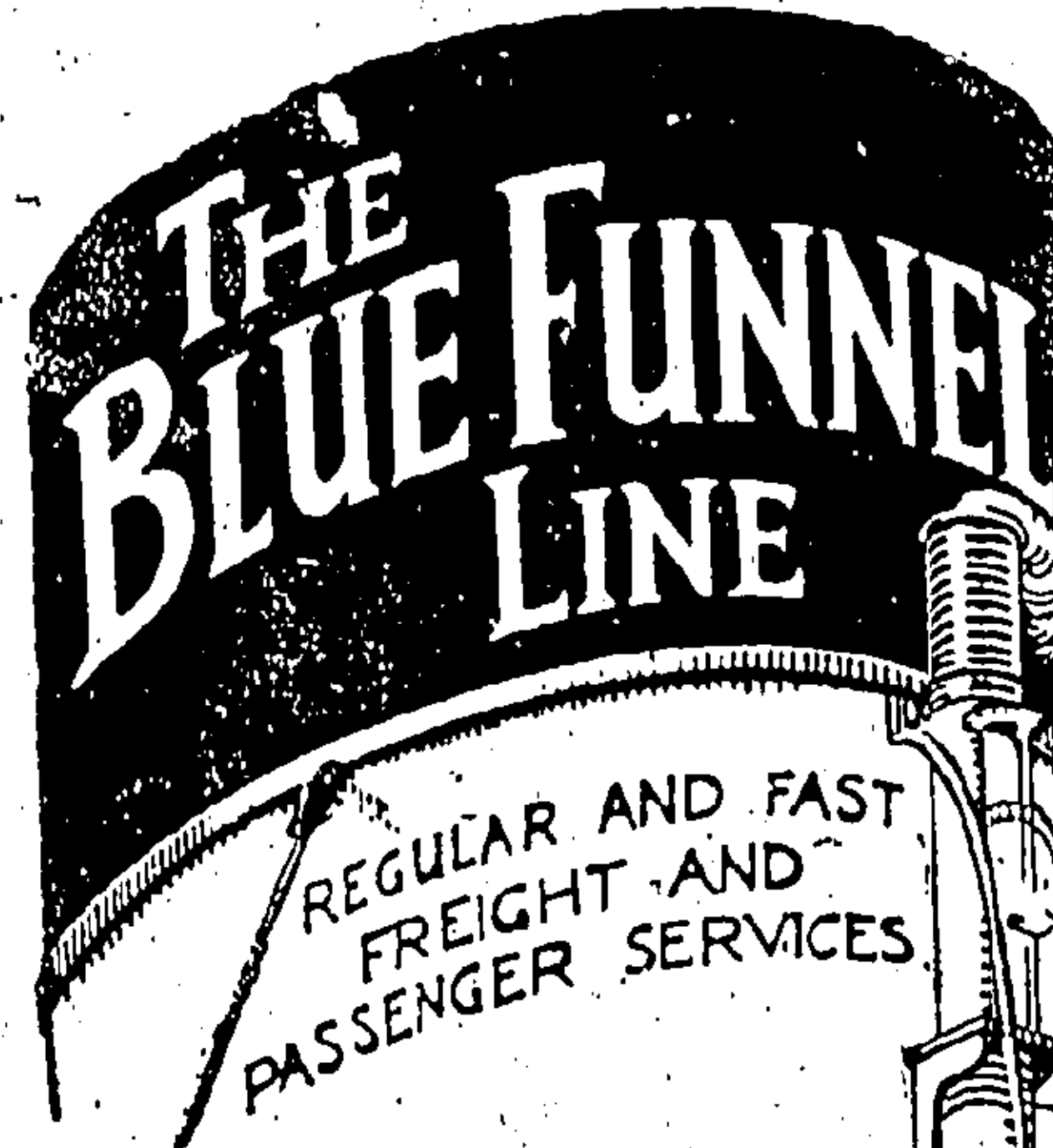
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NO NATIONALITY.

Princess's Russian Husband.

EXPULSED FROM GERMANY.

Ex-Bottlewasher Who Married Elderly Woman.

Berlin, Yesterday.
The ex-Kaiser's brother-in-law, a Russian named Zubkoff, an ex-bottlewasher, aged 28 who mar-



The ex-Kaiser of Germany, whose relative married a Russian ex-bottle washer.

ried the Princess Victoria Schaumburg-Lippe, aged 63 on November 19, has been expelled from the country as a man "without nationality or occupation."

Zubkoff repeatedly failed to renew his residence permit. The Princess, who lost her nationality by marriage, is not included in the expulsion and remains at Bonn.

Zubkoff was recently fined for not renewing his permit. He is reported to have already left Germany, possibly for the Congo where he is said to have relatives. —Reuter.

GRANT REJECTED.

INDIANS HOLD SWAY IN ASSEMBLY.

"TRUST BETRAYED"

New Delhi, Yesterday.
The Assembly by 58 to 63 rejected a grant for the Executive Council.

Chaman Lal said the council had betrayed their trust and none of the Indian members had resigned as a protest against the Simon Commission. All the other Budget demands were carried. —Reuter.

ARMY POLICY.

New Delhi, Yesterday.
The Legislative Assembly agreed by 66 to 51 to a motion to reduce by Rs.57,000 the expenditure of the Army Department.

Various Indian speakers attacked Gen. Birdwood's policy, which they described as an "outrage to India" and declared the "British had outstayed their welcome; they would be wiped out within a decade."

The Army Secretary, defending Gen. Birdwood's policy, declared the Army was not maintained for Imperial purposes outside India and no great reductions in cost were possible. British troops were often a remarkable insurance against riots.

He accused the opposition of thwarting every effort of the Government to help them to obtain self-government and instanced the Reserve Bank Bill, Navy Bill and other measures. —Reuter.

SPIES ON TRIAL.

FRENCH AGENTS TO RUSSIA.

Paris, Yesterday.

An espionage trial has just been held in camera in which 13 persons including a number of French soldiers were charged with supplying Soviet agents with military information. Rou Jeyres, an ex-employee of the Revenue Department and Mlle. Clarac, Secretary to a Communist Municipal Councillor, were each sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment and 10 years' interdiction de sejour.

The woman has not yet been arrested. Other prisoners received sentences varying from 6 months to 4 years with fines.

The judgment states that "the trial again reveals an audacious anti-French espionage plan, conceived by the Third Moscow International and confirms that the delicate organisms of French national defence are places of the greatest peril." —Reuter.

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strength and Marconi 43.75 per cent. The new Company will acquire:—

(a) From the Marconi Company the whole of its capital which would be satisfied from the foregoing consideration.

(b) The whole of the Cable Companies' ordinary shares, leaving the preference shares and debentures undisturbed. The board of the new Company will consist of 12 cable nominees and eight Marconi representatives.

Market Rises.

London, Yesterday.
Excited dealings in cable and wireless shares took place on the Stock Exchange following the an-

"FINER LATER."

N.E. winds, moderate, overcast at first; finer later, is the official weather forecast until noon tomorrow.

The anticyclone has weakened and is now central over S.E. Korea. Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected over the North China Sea.

nouncement of the fusion. The market was almost impenetrable owing to the throng of brokers. Easterns jumped from 12½ points to 15½, an increase of over £620,000 in market value in a few minutes. £5,000,000 of their £7,000,000 capital is ordinary stock.

There were large transactions in Marconi shares. The 10s. share was comparatively steady around 70 which was yesterday's close, indicative of confidence that the terms of the fusion are acceptable to Marconi shareholders. —Reuter.

CAVALRY CHANGES.

TWO CONVERSIONS INTO ARMOURD CAR UNITS.

London, Yesterday.

Sir Laming Worthington Evans, Secretary for War, stated in Parliament that the cavalry regiments which are to be converted into armoured car regiments are the 11th Hussars at Aldershot and the 12th Royal Lancers in Egypt. —British Wireless Service.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The clearing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/0 3/16.

U.S. AND WAR.

Mr. Kellogg on National Policy.

NO PLEDGE TO FIGHT.

World Making Great Strides To Abolish War.

New York, Yesterday.
Speaking at a dinner of the Council of Foreign Relations, Mr. Frank B. Kellogg, while vigor-



Mr. F. B. Kellogg, U.S. Secretary for War.

ously advocating an unqualified multilateral anti-war treaty, emphasized that the American Government would not become a party to any agreement which directly or indirectly, expressly or indirectly, is a military alliance, nor could the United States pledge itself to advance the use of armed forces against other nations. He did not believe that the peace of the world or Europe could be assured by a military alliance or treaties and he hoped France, which admittedly perceived no bar to the conclusion of an unqualified anti-war treaty with the United States alone would be able to satisfy herself that an equivalent treaty among the principal world-powers would be equally consistent with membership of the League.

He pointed out that 21 American States were represented at the recent Havana conference and passed a resolution condemning war as an instrument of national policy and 17 of them were members of the League of Nations.

He agreed with Sir A. Chamberlain in opposing an attempt to define the aggressor. Mr. Kellogg concluded by saying that the world was making great strides towards the abolition of war as an institution. He would always support and advocate the conclusion of appropriate treaties for arbitration and conciliation and the renunciation of war. —Reuter's American Service.

STILL NO NEWS.

HINCHCLIFFE'S MYSTERY JOURNEY.

Atlantic City, Yesterday.
A large aeroplane is reported to have been heard in the vicinity flying towards Philadelphia at 11.20 this evening.

A number of other places on the New England coast have similarly reported hearing an aeroplane. The airport officials at New York, however, are very sceptical. None of the reports, so far, have been authenticated.

St. John's Newfoundland, March 15.
It is 6 a.m. and daylight, and still no sign of Hinchcliffe.

TROOPS IN CHINA.

COST OVER FOUR MILLION IN TWO YEARS.

In the House of Commons in reply to questions Mr. Worthington Evans said the estimated cost in respect of the additional troops sent to China was £1,026,500 for 1926 and £3,090,000 for 1927. —Reuter.

HOME BUDGET.

TO BE CONSIDERED NEXT MONTH.

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons Mr. Baldwin announced that the Budget would be taken on April 24. —Reuter.

WORLD FLIGHT.

FRENCH AIRMEN TO CARRY ON.

San Francisco, Yesterday.
The French airmen Costes and Lebriz have called to Tokyo to resume their flight round the world. —Reuter's American Service.

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